

2019 SESSION CALENDAR

Note: On the 60 session days (days when members convene in their respective chambers), the session day count appears in a box on the lower-right, like this. >>> #

Color code: ■ = bills ■ = resolutions ■ = budget or fiscal bills

See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY			16 Opening Day	17	18 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff & Grants/Subsidies Cutoff	19
20	21 HOLIDAY <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	22 State-of-the-State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff	23 Recess #1	24 State-of-the-Judiciary & Bill Intro Cutoff	25 Recess #2	26
27	28	29	30	31		
FEBRUARY					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 First Lateral (Bills)	16
17	18 HOLIDAY <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19	20	21 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	22	23
24	25	26	27 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Ends	28		
MARCH					1 First Decking (Bills)	2
3	4 Recess #3	5	6 Recess #4	7 First Crossover (Bills)	8 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	9
10	11 Budget Decking	12	13 Budget Crossover	14 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	15	16
17	18 Triple Referral Filing (House Concurrent Resos)	19	20	21	22 Second Lateral (Bills)	23
24	25	26 HOLIDAY <i>Kuhio Day</i>	27	28 First Lateral (Concurrent Resos)	29	30
APRIL						
31	1	2	3	4 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	5 Second Decking (Bills)	6
7	8 Recess #5	9	10 Recess #6	11 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	12	13
14	15 Second Lateral (Concurrent Resos)	16	17	18 Constitutional Amendments	19 HOLIDAY <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21	22 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	23	24	25 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	26 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	27
28	29 Recess #7	30				
MAY			1 Recess #8	2 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>	(Session pau!)	

2019 SESSION CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

- JAN 16 OPENING DAY** – Hawaii’s constitution mandates that the regular legislative session starts at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of January.
- JAN 18 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ALL NON-ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGES** – Bills bundled together by common interest groups and accepted and labeled as a package by the clerks. You can view the various packages of legislation by clicking on the [“Reports and Lists”](#) button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).
- JAN 18 LAST DAY FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT GRANT AND SUBSIDY REQUESTS** – Deadline for “Grant-in-Aid” (GIA) applications. Grants may be appropriated to nonprofit and other organizations for various public purposes that are recognized as priorities and are seen as complimentary to state government functions. Applications, information, and more specifics regarding the deadline appear under [“Legislative Information”](#) on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).
- JAN 22 STATE-OF-THE-STATE ADDRESS** – The Governor’s annual address to the assembled joint legislature. The address presents an opportunity for the Governor to report on affairs of state, and to put forth recommendations and initiatives. Many visitors come to the Capitol to hear the Governor’s speech and witness the proceedings from the gallery (accessible on the ground floor/atrium level).
- JAN 22 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGE** – This is what is known as the “Governor’s Package.” The bills are prepared by executive branch agencies for consideration by the legislature, and are introduced on behalf of the executive branch by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. View the package of legislation by clicking on the [“Reports and Lists”](#) button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).
- JAN 24 STATE-OF-THE-JUDICIARY ADDRESS** – The Chief Justice’s biannual address to the assembled joint legislature.
- JAN 24 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE BILLS** – A bill is “introduced” when it has been filed with the House or Senate Clerk, who gives it a number (with an HB or SB prefix) and then puts it on the calendar for First Reading by the chamber. After First Reading, it is given its committee referrals which specify which committees must hear and pass the measure for it to succeed. Only legislators may introduce bills. [Note: At introduction, each bill is given a “Bill Status” webpage that can be accessed via the Legislature’s website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](#)) and used to track all the measure’s activity.]
- FEB 7 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to the last committee in their originating chamber by the First Lateral deadline.
- FEB 15 FIRST LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills referred to more than one committee (i.e., those with multiple referrals) must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day.
- FEB 21 - 27 MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS** – Hawaii’s Constitution mandates a 5-day recess between the 20th and 40th days of the regular session. Neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate convene or assemble formally in chamber on recess days. Committee hearings do take place.
- MAR 1 FIRST DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of the originating chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48 hour opportunity for final review by the chamber’s members before they are asked to vote on the third reading. Note: A bill must pass three readings (votes) in each chamber before being enrolled to the governor.
- MAR 7 FIRST CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in order to move (or “crossover”) to the other chamber. If successful, House bills are sent to the Senate and Senate bills are sent to the House for further consideration.
- MAR 8 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS** – Resolutions are legislative measures which may request action of a government entity or state the legislature’s position on an issue. They don’t have the force and effect of law, require only one reading in chamber, and don’t enroll to the Governor.
- MAR 11 BUDGET DECKING** – Deadline for submitting the budget bill for third reading.
- MAR 13 BUDGET CROSSOVER** – Last day for third reading of the budget bill in order to move to the other chamber.
- MAR 14 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee in the non-originating chamber the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to their last committee by the Second Lateral deadline.
- MAR 18 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS)** – All House concurrent resolutions referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.)
- MAR 22 SECOND LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.
- MAR 28 FIRST LATERAL FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Concurrent resolutions require adoption in each chamber and are used to state the official position of the Legislature on an issue, or to request action formally without having to mandate it by law. All concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this date.
- APR 4 FIRST CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for passing the single floor vote for adoption required for resolutions in order to move from the originating chamber to the other chamber.
- APR 5 SECOND DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills that have been amended by the non-originating chamber to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of that chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48 hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber’s members before third reading.
- APR 11 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber and to “cross back” to the originating chamber.
- APR 11 LAST DAY FOR THE ORIGINATING BODY TO DISAGREE WITH BILL AMENDMENTS** – The deadline for the originating chamber to disagree with changes made to its bills by the other chamber. When the Senate and House disagree on a bill, members from each chamber can meet in a “conference” committee to reconcile their differences.
- APR 15 SECOND LATERAL FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – All concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.
- APR 18 DEADLINE FOR FINAL FORM OF BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – A proposed amendment’s final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor at least 10 days prior to passing final reading by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. Once adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters, in the form of a ‘yes or no’ question on the ballot, for ultimate decision.
- APR 22 SECOND CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for passing amended concurrent resolutions in the non-originating chamber in order to “cross back” to the originating chamber.
- APR 25 FINAL DECKING OF NON-FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers.
- APR 26 FINAL DECKING OF FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers. Fiscal bills include appropriation or spending bills, tax credits, etc., or any bill with a House Finance or Senate Ways and Means referral.
- MAY 2 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** – In Latin, “sine die” means “without a day specified for future meeting.” Adjournment *sine die* occurs on the 60th legislative day of a Regular Session, and indicates a suspension of the business of the legislature indefinitely. Next, the Legislature will certify the bills whose form both chambers have agreed to, and will transmit or “enroll” those bills to the Governor. Contact PAR for information regarding the Governor’s deadlines.