### 2024 Session Calendar

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2024 SESSION CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

JAN 17 OPENING DAY – Hawaii's constitution mandates that the regular legislative session starts at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of January. JAN 19 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 20 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 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.]

JAN 25 FIRST DECKING (BILLS) – Deadline to file Senate committee reports on single referral Senate Bills.

JAN 26 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS) – 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.

JAN 29 SINGLE REFERRAL FILING (SENATE BILLS) – Deadline to file Senate committee reports on single referral Senate Bills.

FEB 2 MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS – Hawaii's Constitution mandates a 5-day recess between the 20th and 40th days of the regular session. During this recess, the Governor delivers the State of the State Address and applications for grants are due. The Governor's speech and witness the proceedings from the gallery (accessible on the ground floor/atrium level).

FEB 5 SECOND DECKING (BILLS) – Deadline to file committee reports on single referral House Bills.

FEB 7 (HOUSE) & 8 (SENATE) 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 Legislative deadline.

FEB 9 SECOND DECKING (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 15 FIRST LATERAL FILING (BILLS) – Filing Deadline for First Lateral Bills.

FEB 16 SECOND LATERAL FILING (BILLS) – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.

FEB 18 SECOND LATERAL FILING (BILLS) – Deadline for submitting the budget bill for third reading.

FEB 20 BUDGET DECKING – Deadline for submitting the budget bill for final reading.

FEB 21 BUDGET CROSSOVER – The deadline for the originating chamber to disagree with changes made to its bills by the other chamber. This "crossover" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

FEB 22 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for filing amendments to bills in the other chamber. This ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

FEB 28 MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS – Deadline to file committee reports on amended concurrent resolutions.

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 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 2 SECOND 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 3 FINAL DECKING (BILLS) – Deadline for filing committee reports on single referral Senate Bills.

MAR 4 SINGLE REFERRAL FILING (HOUSE BILLS) – Deadline to file Senate committee reports on single referral House Bills.

MAR 5 SINGLE 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 "decks" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

MAR 6 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

MAR 7 THIRD CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for bills to pass three readings in their non-originating chamber and be submitted to the clerk of the originating chamber. This "crossover" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

MAR 9 SECOND LATERAL FILING (BILLS) – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.

MAR 10 THIRD CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for bills to pass final reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

MAR 12 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILL) – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating 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 Legislative deadline.


MAR 17 THIRD CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for filing amendments to bills in the other chamber. This ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

MAR 18 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILL) – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

MAR 19 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.

MAR 20 SECOND LATERAL FILING (BILLS) – All Senate concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final chamber by this date.

MAR 21 FIRST CROSSOVER FILING FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS – Filing Deadline for First Crossover for concurrent resolutions.

MAR 22 THIRD CROSSOVER (BILLS) – Deadline for bills to pass final reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

MAR 22 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILL) – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

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APR 5 SINGLE 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 "decks" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

APR 10 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILL) – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.

APR 13 DEALINE 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 17 FIRST CROSSOVER FILING FOR AMENDED CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS – Deadline to file committee reports on amended concurrent resolutions.

APR 20 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 22 FINAL DECKING BUDGET BILL – Deadline to file budget bill to deck for Final Reading.

APR 26 FINAL DECKING OF NON-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 3 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.