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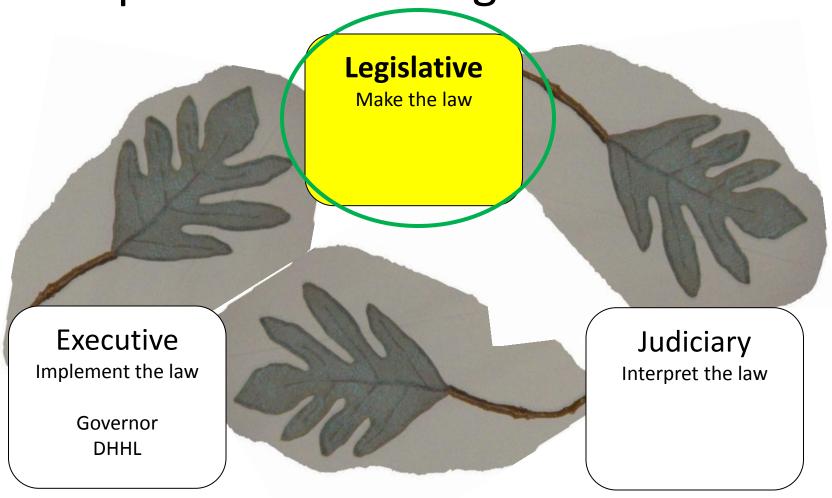
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Separation of Powers 3 equal branches of government



Legislative Branch: Makes the laws

Today, we're talking about **One level** of this branch of government

NATIONAL

U.S. Congress passes laws that govern the entire country

STATE

State Legislature passes laws that govern Hawaii



COUNTY

Each council passes laws that govern their county

Legislative Branch: Makes the laws

STATE

State Legislature passes laws that govern the state of Hawaii







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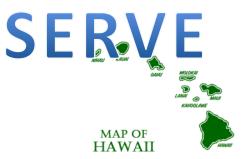
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What do these lawmakers do?



SERVE • as your representatives and senators



 on committees focused on particular subject matter

in leadership roles to enhance their effectiveness

In performing this **Service** for the people of Hawaii, they...

- enact laws
- adopt resolutions
- propose amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution
- approve the State budget

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Representative Lynn DeCoite





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Member of the following committees:

Agriculture

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Newsletters

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- Board member, Lokahi Pacific (from 2004-2012)
- Board Member, Hikiola Cooperative (2008-2011)
- Board Member, Molokai Irrigation Advisory Board (2008-2012)
- Board Member, Molokai Chamber Foundation (2006-2012)
- Board Member, The Molokai Planning Commission from (2006-
- President, Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance (2006-2015)
- Chairperson, Farm Service Agency (2007-2015)
- Member, Hawaii State Board of Agriculture (2012-2015)

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HB1595	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY.	\sim
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On February 20, 2015 Lynn Pualani DeCoite was sworn in to represent the 13th District in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. She was appointed by Governor David Ige to fill the remainder of the two year term.

Lynn DeCoite was born in Honolulu and has lived on Moloka'i since she was four years old. She is a third generation homestead farmer, where she and her three siblings were raised to work hard and live off the land. Lynn went to Moloka'i High School and then attended Moloka'i Community College. She is a devoted wife and proud mother of

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September 14, 2015

Lawmaker's Listen - Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Please join Representative Lynn DeCoite and leaders from the Hawaii State House of Representatives for a community update on the 2015 Legislative Session and preview for the upcoming 2016 Session. <u>See flyer.</u>

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm Haiku Community Center Hana Highway at Pilialoha St , Haiku, Maui, HI 96708

March 5, 2015

Lynn DeCoite Is Sworn In As The New Representative For House District 13

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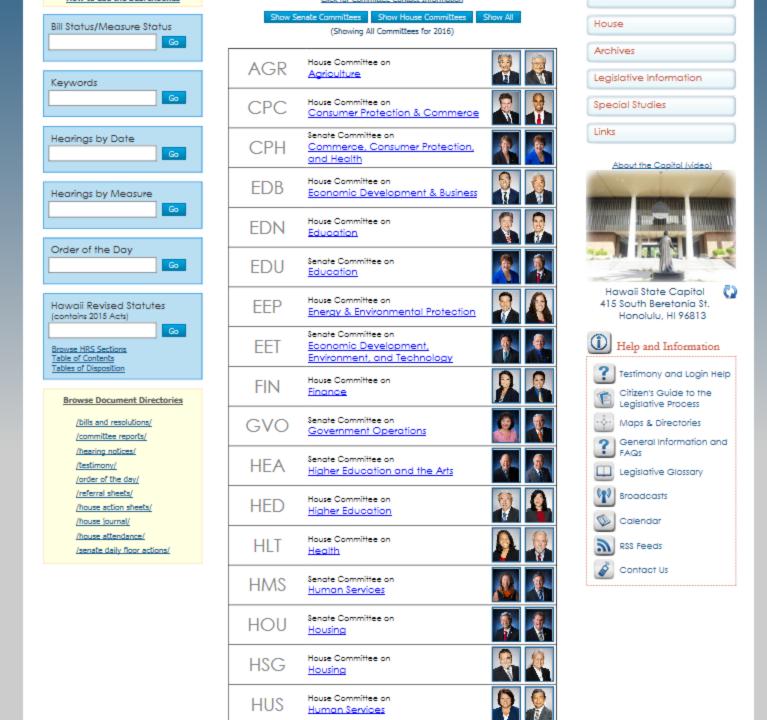


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Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Senate District 21 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222 phone: 808-586-7793 fax: 808-586-7797

The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to Hawaiian affairs, including but not limited to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaiian home lands, sovereignty, and burial councils.

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I. Kalani English Senate District 7 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205 phone: 808-587-7225 fax: 808-587-7230 senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov

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SB44 SD1

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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RELATING TO CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

HB205 HD1 SD1

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OMH Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs









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The scope shall be those programs relating to ocean activities, outdoor marine matters, including marine recreational boating, ocean fish and game management, corals and inorganic marine resources, ocean mining, mariculture, commercial and recreational ocean fish and fishing, including fishery development and management, submerged lands, and the Coastal Zone Management Act. The committee shall also consider those programs relating to persons of Hawaiian ancestry, including programs administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Vice Chair



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WAM Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Chair



Jill N. Tokuda Senate District 24 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 207 phone: 808-587-7215 fax: 808-587-7220 sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov

The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to overall state financing policies, including revenue enhancement, taxation, other revenues, and cash and debt management; statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting and evaluation; and government structure and finance.





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WAM Measures in 2016

SB51 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH.

SB2006

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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House Committee on

Finance





Sylvia Luke House District 25 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306 phone: 808-586-6200 fax: 808-586-6201 repluke@Capitol.hawaii.gov

The scope shall be those programs relating to overall State financing policies, including taxation and other revenues, cash and debt management, and statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation.

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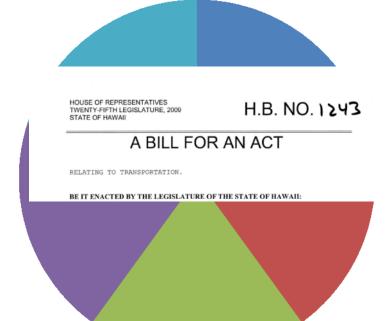
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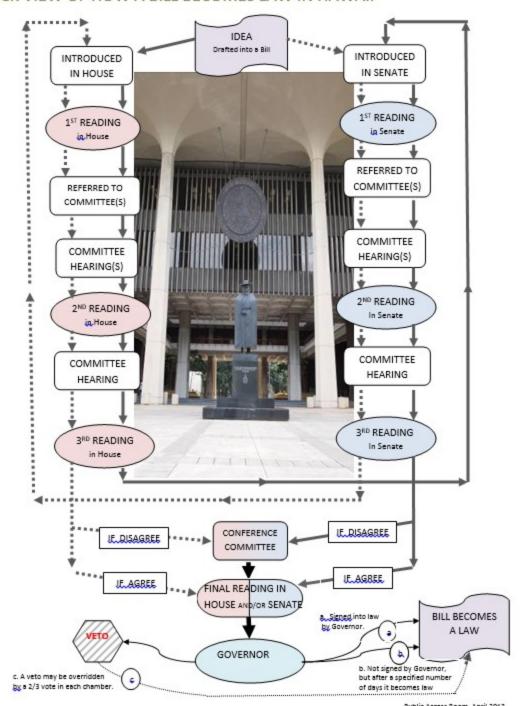
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What is going on here?



QUICK VIEW OF HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN HAWAII



Here's a brief glimpse of what's to come in a bill's life...

• Successfully pass through all **committees** the House and Senate have referred it to



and

 Successfully pass three readings in both the House and Senate chambers (where all the members convene)

and

- Have both House and Senate agree on exact wording and
- Be signed or allowed to come into law by Governor, or House and Senate successfully overrides his veto

When does this all happen?



And, it's got to get through all of these things by certain dates – affectionately known as DEADLINES

To put it in perspective, most bills DIE

- In 2015, 2,894 bills and 749 resolutions were introduced.
- · After the 60-day session, 247 bills passed and 190 resolutions were adopted.

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Bills relating to DHHL

- HB1931 Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from 1/4 to 1/32.
- HB1932 Ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of DHHL for FY 16-17.



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Measure Title: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Administrative and Operating Expenses; Appropriation

Ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by

appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the department of

Hawaiian home lands for fiscal year 2016–2017.

Companion:

Report Title:

Description:

Package: None

Current Referral:

DECOITE, HAR, ING, JORDAN, KAWAKAMI, KEOHOKALOLE, KONG, C. LEE, OSHIRO, POUHA, TOKIOKA, WARD, Introducer(s): WOODSON, YAMASHITA, Belatti, San Buenaventura

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HB1932

- Bill will pass First Reading.
- Bill will be referred, most likely to OMH, FIN or could be OMH, JUD, FIN, or even OMH/JUD, FIN.
- The bill's referral will trigger the deadlines.
- If the referral is OMH, JUD, FIN, because OMH hearings are on Wednesday mornings, the latest the bill could be scheduled is 2/10/16.
- If the referral is OMH, FIN or OMH/JUD, FIN, the latest the bill could be scheduled is 2/17/16.

HB1932 (cont.)

- Bill needs to pass Second Reading.
- FIN needs to schedule the bill by 3/3/16.
- Bill needs to pass Third Reading.
- Bill will pass First Reading in the Senate.
- Bill will be referred, most likely to HWN, WAM or HWN/JDL, WAM.
- HWN needs to schedule the bill by 3/23/16.
- Bill needs to pass Second Reading in the Senate.

HB1932 (cont.)

- WAM needs to schedule the bill by 4/7/16.
- Bill needs to pass Third Reading in the Senate.
- Because the bill has an appropriation, it will go into Conference.
- The Budget has to move out of Conference before an appropriation bill can pass.
- Bill needs to pass out of Conference by 4/29/16.
- Bill needs to pass Final Reading by 5/5/16.

The State Budget

HB 1700

The State Budget

- Consists of appropriations for operating expenditures and capital expenditures.
- During an even numbered year like this year, a supplemental budget is submitted to amend the biennium budget approved last year.
- The House Finance Committee will review the Budget first, then the bill will move over to the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The State Budget (cont.)

- Source of Funding Codes A is General fund, B is Special funds, N is Other federal funds, and T is Trust funds.
- Budget Worksheets will be posted to reflect changes proposed by the House and Senate.

DHHL Operating Budget

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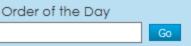
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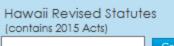
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How do I add my voice to the mix?



What can you do?

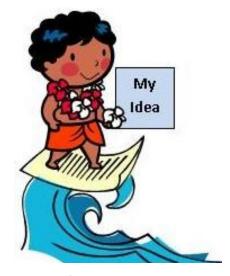


VOTER REGISTRATION

Aloha

The Office of Elections and the Association of Clerks and Election Officers of Hawaii are pleased to introduce you to Wikiwiki Voter Registration. Hawaii's registration-bymail procedure

To register to vote, all you need is a Wikliwiki form and a postage stamp. Follow the instructions and complete the form correctly. Once you have registered to vote, please remember to take the next step and VOTE in the upcoming elections. See you there!



- elect State Senator (every 4 years)
- elect State Representative (every 2 years)
- vote on proposed amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution
- run for office or help someone else do so
- communicate views and priorities
- offer testimony on proposed legislation
- join with others to amplify your voice

COMMUNICATE YOUR POSITION

Time for a Letter...

Email...

Phone call...

Make sure your elected officials are aware of your concerns and your position on issues important to you

^{- &}quot;But they won't listen to me!"

^{- &}quot;Have you <u>contacted</u> your Senator and Representative to let them know what you think?"

Make your letter effective

- Be brief, clear, and to the point.
 - one or two pages
 - your own words.
 - be courteous.
- Explain your position and why it matters.
- <u>Include your return address or contact information</u>. Sign your name legibly (or print it below your signature).

What about testimony?

This is your opportunity
to offer written or spoken statements
to a committee
regarding your position on a bill.

What about testimony?

When do I get to offer it?

 Only when the measure is scheduled for a hearing, and the committee has indicated it will be accepting testimony.

- Usually, time is short! Guidelines for how and when to offer testimony appear on the hearing notice.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 29, 2016

TIME: 1:15 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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AGENDA

RELATING TO INCREASING THE PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS' PRO RATA SHARE OF

THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST.

Requires agencies that collect receipts for any disposition of the public land trust shall each fiscal quarter transfer to the office of Hawaiian affairs twenty per cent of each receipt from the disposition. Returns to the office of Hawaiian affairs certain moneys previously claimed as public land trust overpayments to the office. Establishes a public land trust revenues negotiating committee.

RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMNANTS.

Provides the office of Hawaiian affairs with the right of first refusal for any disposition of public lands classified as remnants.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

Click here to submit testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Testimony may be submitted up to 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.

S: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken the agenda.

s or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e. ASL or foreign language interpreter, or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the committee clerk at

No rules regarding exactly what it needs to look like or sound like.

That's up to you.

That said, here's a simple outline...

CHAIR OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE COMMITTEE NAME OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE COMMITTEE

Address to Chair and Committee

BILL OR RESOLUTION NO., DRAFT NO. (if any)

RE: Bill number

Day and Date of Hearing

Hearing date, time, place

Time and Place of Hearing

Introduction:

 Introduce who you are and/or the group or organization that you represent;

- (2) State the measure you are testifying on; and
- (3) State your position on the measure (e.g., "I am testifying in favor of/in support of" or "I am testifying against/in opposition to")

Introduce yourself, state the measure you are testifying on, and whether you support or oppose the measure.

Content:

State or list the reasons for taking your position, starting with the most important or compelling reasons. Include any facts, figures, statements, and experiences to support your position.

Explain the reasons for your position. May include facts or experiences.

Closing:

(1) Include any closing remarks; and

 Reiterate your position on the measure (especially if you did not state your position previously within the testimony). In closing, clearly re-state your position

Your name

Name & contact information

The group or organization that you represent (if any)

A contact number or address

Many ways to submit written testimony...

- Deliver it (not enough time to mail it)
- Fax it



- Email it (make sure to use the testimony email address specified – don't just email it to the Chair or Committee)
- Submit it using the form on the Legislature's website



Oral Testimony Let them Hear your Voice!

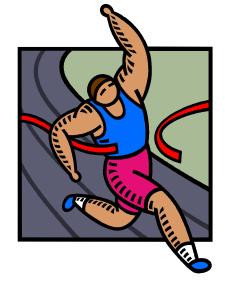
- "Chair ____, Vice Chair ____ and members of the committee..." is a great way to start.
- Short and simple (2-3 minutes)
 - Introduce yourself and the group or organization (if all you represent.
 - Clearly state your position in favor? Opposed?
 Alternatives?
 - Be courteous, respectful, and professional
 - Remember to Breathe!
- Tell the truth and do not exaggerate. Become a trusted resource!

Find others who agree with your position to amplify your voice

- Let them know how easy it is to testify
- Make use of organizations to help spread the word
- Listen to those who disagree with you –
 they may be your best teachers



Things happen fast



- Short turn-around time for testimony, be prepared and ready to go
- It's tempting to send in form testimony
 - ✓ *INSTEAD*: consider writing a sentence or two in your own words

The Hawaii State Legislature website: to find proposed legislation and much more

capitol.hawaii.gov



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(Grant in Aid application and forms have been updated for 2016. In order to allow the Legislature time to thoroughly review applications, the deadline to submit applications will be 4:30pm on January 22nd, 2016)

- 2016 Opening Day Remarks
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	Mon Jan 25, 2016 2:00PM	325	HEARING CPC 01-25-16	
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- Deadline tracking (find out what's still alive)
- What's in a committee, what's come out...
- What a legislator has introduced
- Packages of bills
- Subject search (great way to find bills!)
- And a lot more... explore!

Lots to be Found Here!



Measure tracking

It's easy to set up Tracking Lists

- First, Create a list just name it something!
- Then populate the list with the bills and resolutions you're interested in
- When you're done, ask it to generate the report – print it out using the landscape orientation (or print it as a .pdf document, and email it to your colleagues)

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Find information
from past years using
the "Archives" bar on
the right side of the
Legislature's
homepage



HRS

One **last** thing...

The online version of the Hawaii

Revised Statutes (HRS)

There are 14 volumes





28th Legislature, 2015 View Legislative Calendar

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Remember...

Your Office



4th Floor, Room 401

at the State Capitol



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- Help, information and training at no charge
- Your office at the Capitol
- Non-partisan
- Lots of resources!
 - Computers with Internet
 - Wireless Internet access
 - Copies of testimony
 - Reference materials
 - Workshops and tutorials



The place to go to:



- type up your testimony
- do online research
- re-group or meet up with others
- watch hearings remotely when the hearing room is too full (or it's a long agenda and you're waiting for them to get to your bill!)
- just read the funnies

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City and County of Honolulu

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County of Kauai

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U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard

U.S. Senator Maizie Hirono

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

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Occasional news and alerts from your office at the Capitol!







Today is: Thursday, April 2, 2015

We have updated our <u>Hawaii Legislature Website Guide</u> (Adobe PDF, 1.1 MB)

Our newsletter for March, (Adobe PDF, 700 kB)

Answers to our Crossword Puzzle! Download the pdf.

New Brown Bag Workshops

In April we will be offering a series of "Legislature 201" workshops for the public.

Floor Sessions and Orders of the Day: Tuesday, April 7th,

PAR can Help!

- PAR website offers handy lists, manuals and tips
- Get on our email list for notices and newsletters
- Call or email us we can save you time by pointing you in the right direction

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Mahalo!