



# TOWN HALL MEETING 2024





**MEET OUR LOBBYIST**

**Kekoa McClellan**

**The McClellan Group**

# BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

**STATE:** GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN, SENATE, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**CITY & COUNTY:**

**MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDI AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

# CIVICS 101

## HOW TO IDENTIFY A BILL:

**HB - House Bill**

**SB - Senate Bill**

**Bill - City & County Bill**

**Resolutions**

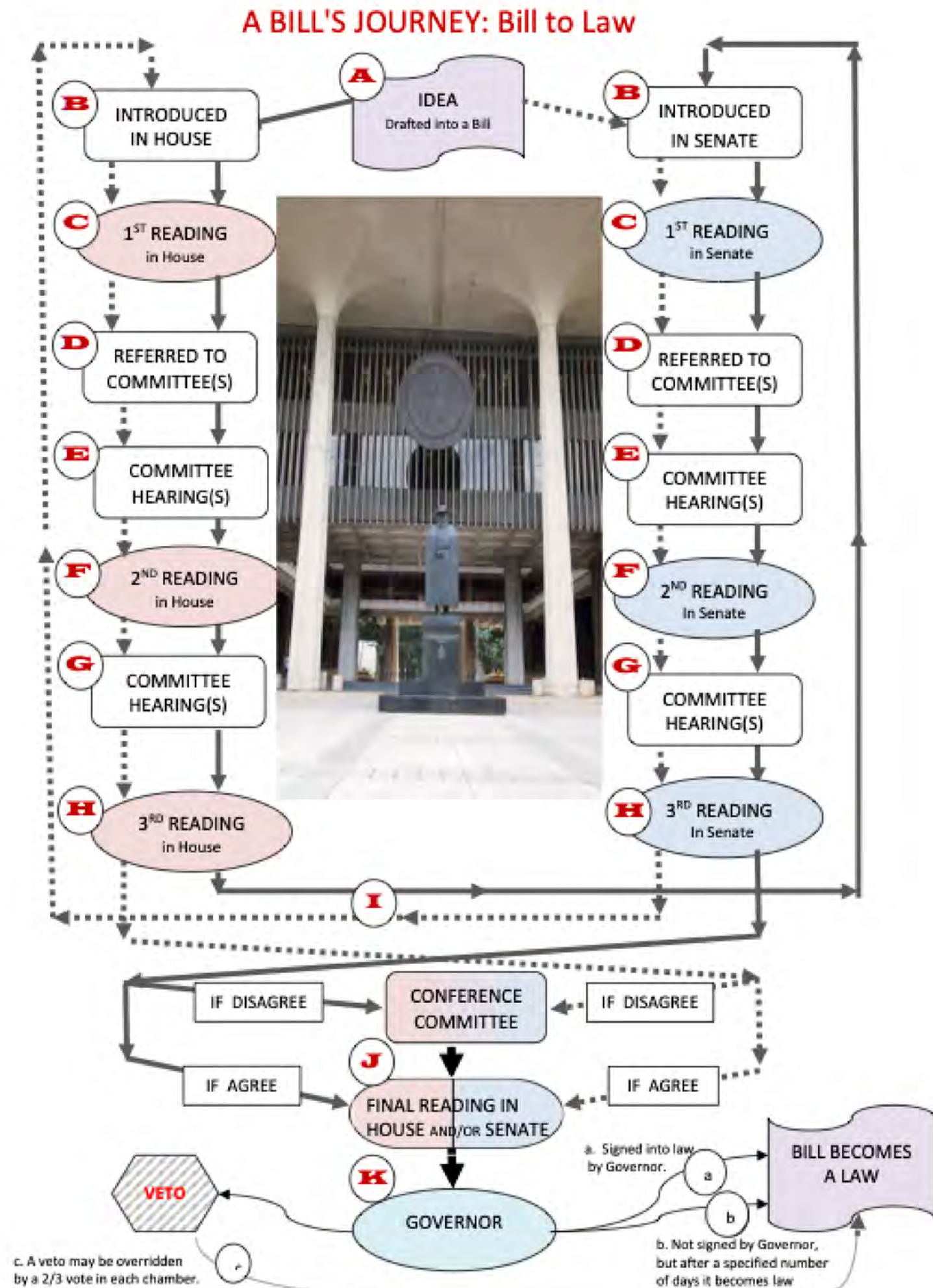
# CIVICS 101

**Timeline on how a Bill works and how to understand it; from start to finish**

## **CITY & COUNTY EXAMPLE:**

- **Issue is identified and brought to the attention of a council member**
- **Council member present a Bill proposal regarding the issue**
- **Discussion of the Bill is required by the Council with public opinions**
- **Shelf life of a bill, how many readings required**

# HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW AT THE STATE



# THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BALANCE OF POWER AND JURISDICTIONS

"Jurisdiction" is the official word for the authority to make legal decisions based on a person's role in government. While the Mayor and Council work closely together for the people of O'ahu, a Councilmember's jurisdiction is different than the Mayor's jurisdiction.



## Councilmember jurisdiction:

- Establish policies and programs for the city through creating and passing policies, laws, and charter amendments.
- Connect with residents in their district on city issues and how those issues affect residents.
- Hold regular meetings open to the public about how to address those issues.
- Review and amend annual city budgets to fund city employees, programs, and non-profit organizations.
- Confirm appointees that the Mayor requests to lead executive departments.
- Inquire and suggest procedures that are lead by the Mayor and executive departments.
- Request city departments to enforce rules, ordinances and investigations. The Council does not have enforcement or investigatory authority.

# CIVICS 101 - CITY & COUNTY

## **Importance of City Council members:**

- **There are 9 Council Members that represent each district on Oahu, including 1 as the Council Chair**
- **Council members each chair a committee (ie, Parks, Zoning, Public Safety, Housing, etc)**



# 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



## District IV

Chair

Tommy Waters



## District III

Vice Chair

Esther Kia'aina



## District VII

Floor Leader

Radiant Cordero



## District I

Andria Tupola



## District II

Matt Weyer



## District V

Calvin Say



## District VI

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam



## District VIII

Val Aquino Okimoto



## District IX

Augie Tulba

# HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Be clear:** Try to be specific with your question/concern.

**Be honest:** Authenticity pays dividends.

**Be kind:** Politicians take a lot of heat, so a little kindness goes a long way.

**Be respectful of time:** They are busy, just like you.

# STATE VS CITY & COUNTY JURISDICTION?



**PARKS**



**BEACHES**



**VENUES**

**HOW DOES THIS  
IMPACT ME?**

# **UPDATE ON BILL 19**

## **CITY & COUNTY**

# [BILL019\(23\)](#)

[Tabbed View](#)

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS.  
Date Introduced: Mar 8, 2023  
Introduced By: TOMMY WATERS - By Request  
Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

Jump to: [Bill Status](#) [Agendas, Committee Reports and Minutes](#) [Approved Versions and Proposed Drafts](#) [Related Communications](#)

## Bill Status

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

Date	Type	Description
03/08/2023	INTRO	Introduced.
03/15/2023	CCL	Passed first reading.  <b>7 AYES:</b> CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO*, SAY, TULBA*, TUPOLA*, WATERS* <b>2 NOES:</b> KIA'ĀINA, WEYER

## Agendas

- [031523 Council Agenda](#)
- [040523 Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts Agenda](#)

## Committee Reports

## Minutes

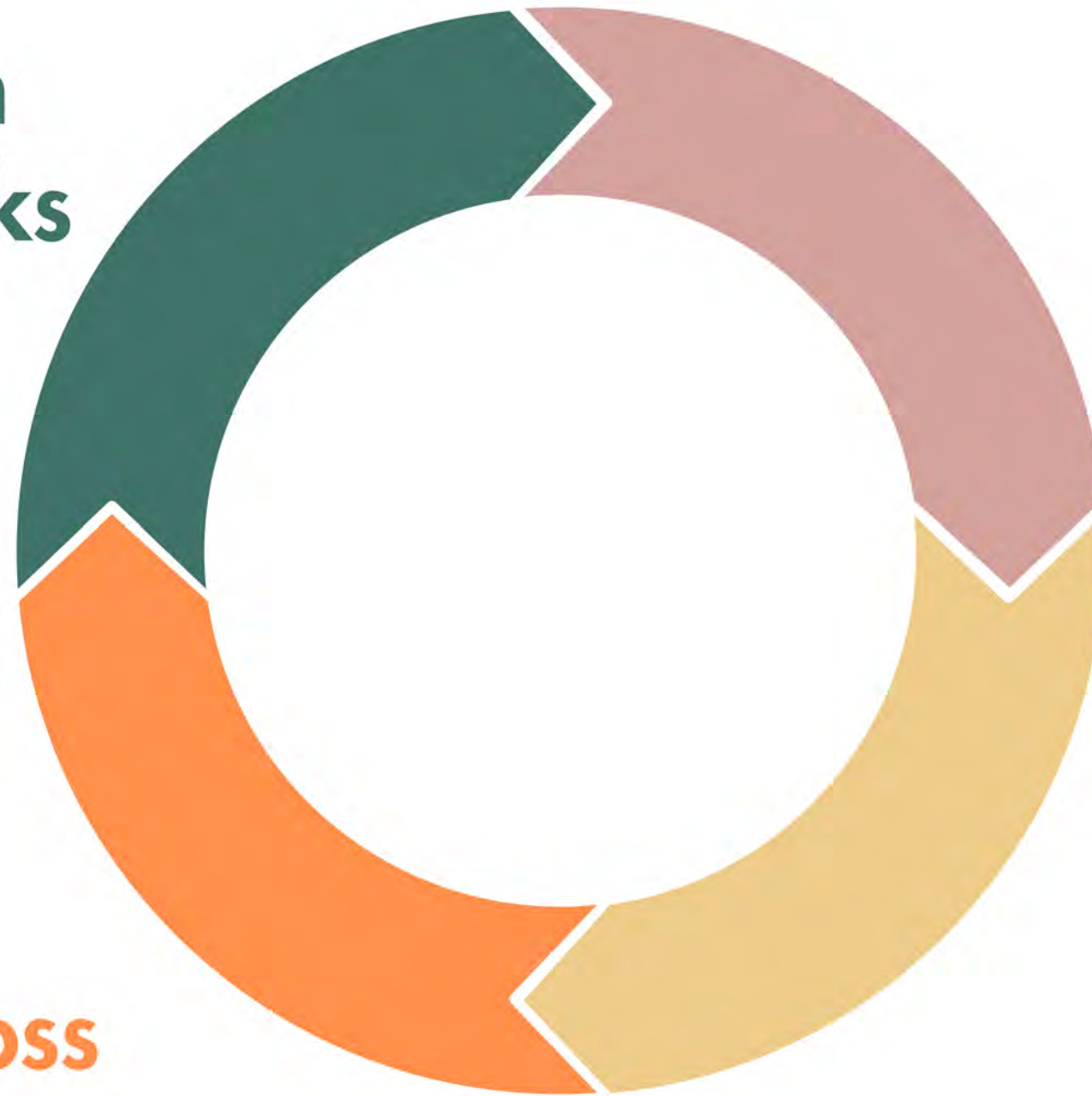
- [031523 Council Minutes - ADOPTED 04/19/23](#)
- [040523 Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services, and Culture and the Arts Written Summary for Video Record](#)

# How does this Bill impact YOU?

---

**Ban on commercial film  
use on city & county parks**

**Increase in prices all across  
the board / Impact Hawaii  
economy**



**Demand > Supply  
Overcrowding**

**Inequality  
Big businesses VS  
Small businesses**

---

**UPDATE ON BILL 64  
(FORMER BILL 10)  
CITY & COUNTY**

**Changes to the LUO (land use ordinance) relating to  
uses and regulations**



# [BILL064\(23\), FD1](#)

[Tabbed View](#)

Measure Title: RELATING TO USE REGULATIONS.  
Date Introduced: Nov 28, 2023  
Introduced By: ESTHER KIA'ĀINA  
Committee: PLANNING AND THE ECONOMY (P&E)

Jump to: [Bill Status](#) [Agendas, Committee Reports and Minutes](#) [Approved Versions and Proposed Drafts](#) [Related Communications](#)

## Bill Status

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

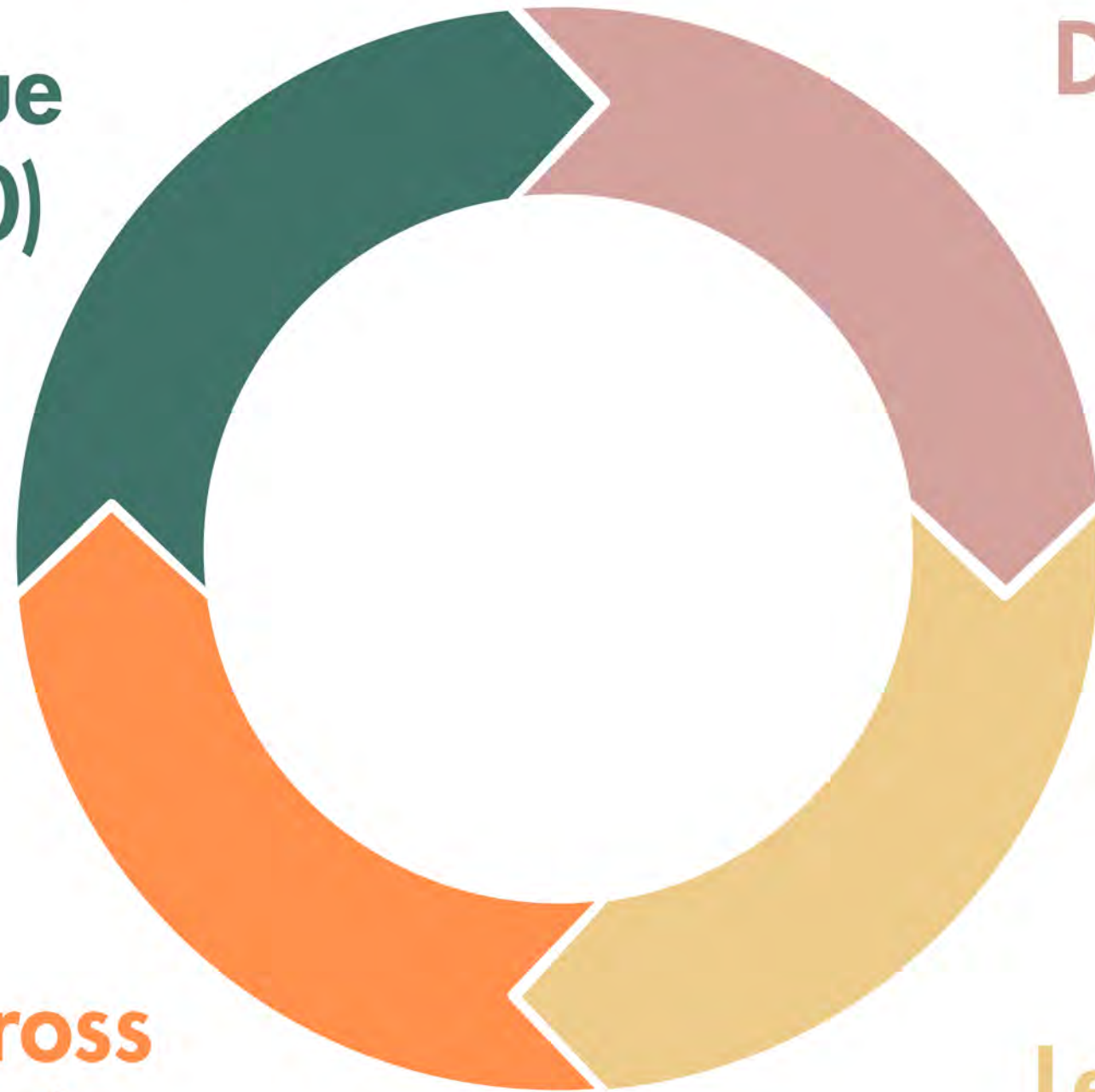
Date	Type	Description
11/28/2023	INTRO	Introduced.
12/06/2023	CCL	Amended to FD1.  OCS2023-0970/11/28/2023 2:26 PM  <b>9 AYES:</b> CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
12/06/2023	CCL	Passed first reading.  <b>9 AYES:</b> CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
02/08/2024	P&E	Amended to CD1 and postponed.  See: Proposed draft version (OCS2024-0163/2/20/2024 1:23 PM)  <b>4 AYES:</b> CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, WEYER <b>1 ABSENT:</b> SAY
03/07/2024	P&E	Amended to CD1 and postponed.  See: Proposed draft version (OCS2024-0260/3/15/2024 4:14 PM)  <b>4 AYES:</b> CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER <b>1 ABSENT:</b> OKIMOTO

# How does this Bill impact YOU?

---

**Losing venue options due to Bill 64 (former Bill 10)**

Ex, Multiple sites at Kualoa Ranch down to 1



**Demand > Supply**

**Increase in prices all across the board for couples / Impact Hawaii economy**

**Less job opportunities for ALL vendors**

---

# STATE - HOUSE BILL 2802

## SECTION 23

**PURPOSE:** To repeal the legislature's authorities to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples

**SECTION 23:** "The [legislature] right to marriage shall [have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples.] not be denied or abridged by the State on account of race or sex."

# OWA'S GOALS

**Keep members informed of upcoming bills and legislation that can impact our businesses.**

**Build and encourage engagement**

- **Political Action Committee**
- **Community Outreach Committee**

**How do you get involved?**

- **Submit testimony when needed (in-person and writing)**
- **Join PAC and Community Outreach Committee**
- **Attend community town halls hosted by the City & County**



# MAYOR BLANGIARDI'S TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Meeting #2: Kailua, Kāneʻohe, Waimānalo  
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Kailua Intermediate School

Meeting #3: Salt Lake, 'Aiea, Pearl City  
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Salt Lake District Park Gymnasium

Meeting #4: Wahiawa, Mililani, Mililani Mauka  
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Wahiawa Elementary

Meeting #5: Downtown, Chinatown, Kalihi  
Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Keʻelikōlani Middle School

Meeting #6: Mānoa, Urban Honolulu, Waikīkī  
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Mānoa District Park Gymnasium

Meeting #7: Nānākuli, Waiʻanae, Mākaha  
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Nānāikapono Elementary

Meeting #8: Waialua, Haleʻiwa, Pūpūkea  
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Waialua Elementary School

Meeting #9: Hawaiʻi Kai, Kahala, East Honolulu  
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Koko Head District Park Gymnasium

Meeting #10: Hauʻula, Kahuku, Lāʻie  
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Hauʻula Elementary School

Meeting #11: Waipiʻo, Waikele, Waipahū  
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Kanoelani Elementary School



[Home](#) / [Subscribe](#)

## SUBSCRIBE TO EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

### Subscribe Using Email

Bills & Resolutions

Email Notifications of new bills and resolutions sent within 2 hours of publication.

Communications

Email Notification listing all Communications changes sent at the end of the day.

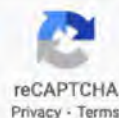
Agendas

Email Notification listing all new Agendas sent at the end of the day.

Email address

We will send an email to this address to verify it.

I'm not a robot



reCAPTCHA  
Privacy · Terms

[Sign Up](#)

[Unsubscribe from Notifications](#)

### Subscribe Using Your

If you have an eHawaii.gov account, you can  
manage your email notifications

Need an account? [Create free account](#)

Email address

We'll never share your email with anyone else.

Password

[Reset my password](#)

[Log in](#)

Sign up for email notifications with regards to legislation for City & County of Honolulu.

<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/subscribe>

# Introduction to politics

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/engagement-101>

- Find Your Own Senator and Representative
- Register for an Account on the Website
- Sign Up for Hearing Notices
- Submitting Testimony
- Search/Track Bills



Don't make the legislators do it alone – the public serves a vital role in the legislative process. Offer your views and perspectives to help the legislature make the best laws for the state of Hawaii.

## Find Your Own Senator and Representative

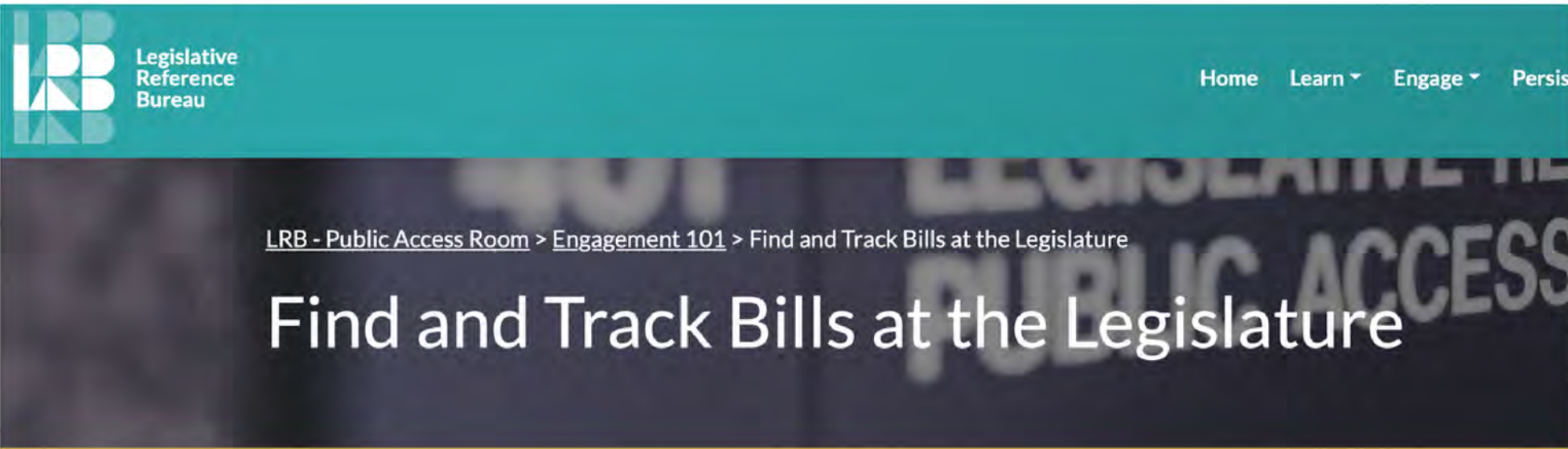
Not sure what districts you're in or who represents you? The [Legislature's website](#) makes it easy for you to [find your Senator and Representative](#).



## Register for an Account on the Website

[Make an account](#) to submit testimony, sign up for hearing notifications or create a measure tracking list. You'll only have to do it once!





[Click here for a handy .pdf file on finding bills.](#)

#### Quickly Find Bills: Subject Search

Go to the Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)) and click on the "Reports and Lists" link (or select it from under the "Laws & Research" tab). Then, click on the "Subject Search" bar — the last one in the light blue column on the left. In the search box that appears, enter the exact word or phrase you'd like to find.

- Only searches in the current bill draft's Measure Title, Report Title (keywords), and Description. Does not search the full content of the bill or past versions.
- Organized presentation of results — a report with descriptions, status, and links to status pages and bills.

#### Search Full Content of Bills: Keyword Search

Go to the Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)) and on the top left, you'll find the search box. Where it says, "Select Search Type," select "Keyword." Enter the word you'd like to find. (You can search for a phrase by putting it in quotation marks.) Click on the "Status" link in the results to view a bill's status page or click on the document name to view the document itself.

- Searches the full content of bills (all versions) and associated documents.
- Usually pulls up a large volume of "hits," which may include multiple versions of the same bill.
- Can be overwhelmed with results, depending on the scope of your search.

## Track a Bill.

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/engagement-101/tracking-bills-at-the-legislature/>



# Q&A

**WHAT ARE SOME  
CONCERNS THAT MAY  
IMPACT YOUR BUSINESS?**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY



Aloha! Please join the stewards of Loko I'a Pā'aiāu for a special mālama 'āina day and help us restore this native Hawaiian National Historic Landmark in the 'Ewa Moku!

**Date:** 4/5/23

**Time:** 10am-3pm

*For more info or questions please email:  
[zabs@thegayagenda.co](mailto:zabs@thegayagenda.co)*

**ŌAHU**  
WEDDING ASSOCIATION  
EST. 2005



# SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

April 5

Community Outreach Day

April 25

Ask the Experts

May 28

Social Media, Design, AI

June 19

Allyship

July 24 & 25

Alan Berg Workshop

August 28

Progressive Brunch

September 25

Business Summit

October 23

State of the Industry

November 7

OWA Elections

December

End of year party