

Leg 101 – Legislative process, bills, and budget

Beneficiary Leader Legislative Workshop

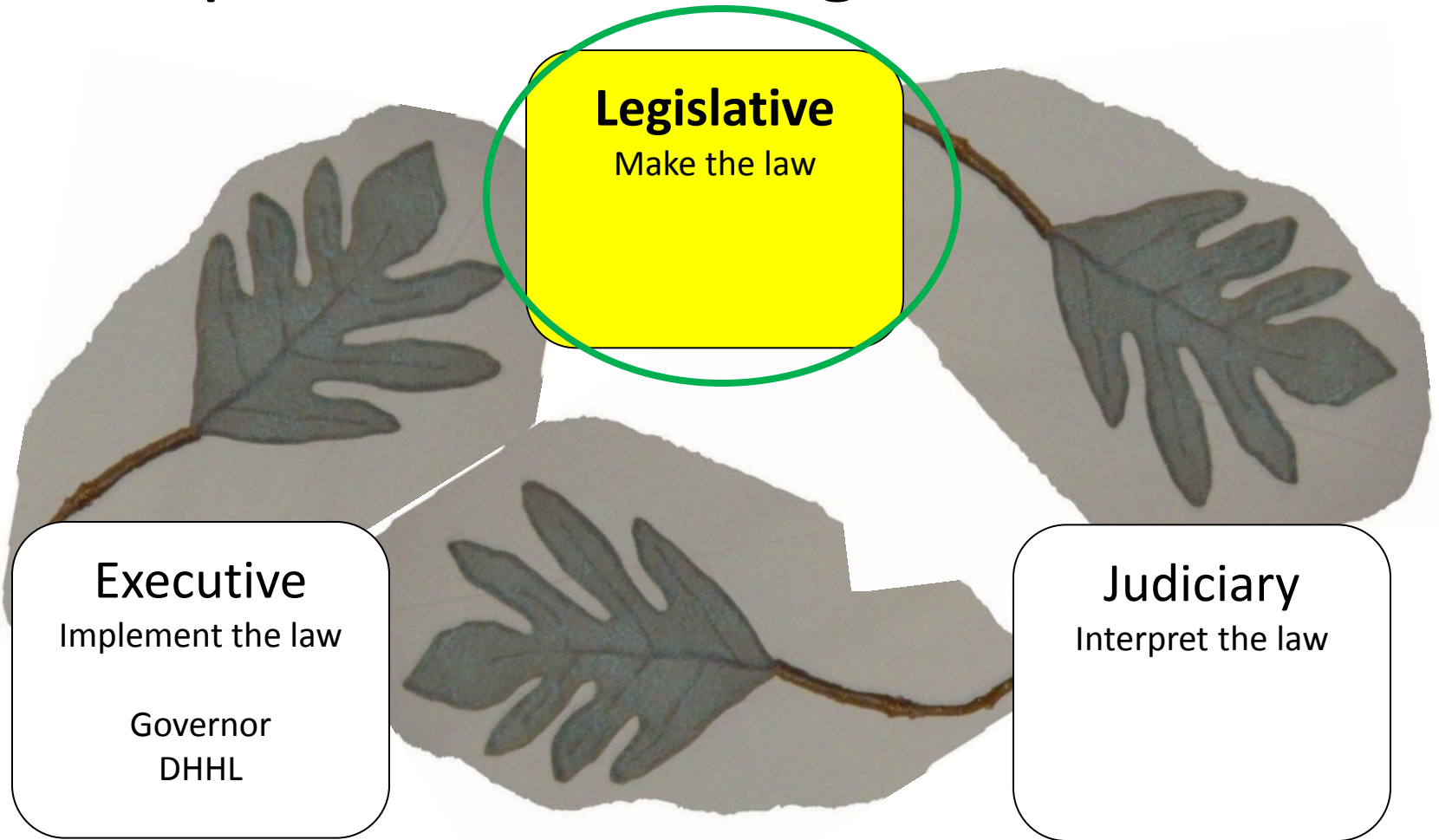
January 24, 2015

Honolulu Airport Conference Center

Overview

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

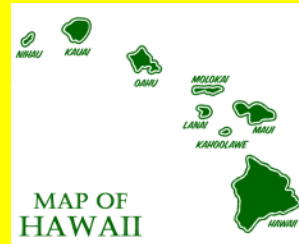
NATIONAL

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





Hawaii State Legislature = two-chambered, lawmaking body

Senate

State Senators (25)

House of Representatives

State Representatives (51)

What do these lawmakers do?

SERVE



- as your representatives and senators

SERVE



- on committees focused on particular subject matter

SERVE



- 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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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hawaii State Legislature website. At the top, the header includes the site name "Hawaii State Legislature" with a map of Hawaii, navigation links for "Sign In", "Register", and "help", and a "Home" button. Below the header, there is a "Find Your Legislator" search box with a "Go" button, which is circled in green. The search box contains the text "Enter Street Name". Below the search box, there are links for "Senate" and "House".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Search:** A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a "Go" button. Below it are several filters: "Bill Status/Measure Status", "Keywords", "Hearings by Date", "Hearings by Measure", "Order of the Day", and "Hawaii Revised Statutes (contains 2015 Acts)".
- Recent Updates:** A section titled "Aloha!" with a welcome message and a list of updates: "2016 Grant-In-Aid", "2016 Opening Day Remarks", "2016 Legislative Calendar", "Employment Opportunities with the House of Representatives", "2015-2016 Senate Leadership and Committee Assignments", and "House and Senate Directory".
- Legislative Services:** A central area with icons for "Submit Testimony", "Hearing Notification", "Measure Tracking", "Legislators", "Committees", and "Reports and Lists".
- Current Hearings:** A table listing upcoming hearings with columns for "Date/Time", "Room", and "Notice".
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At the bottom right, there is a "100%" zoom level indicator.



28th Legislature, 2016
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Floor session convene times for Thursday, January 21, 2016:
Senate: 11:30 a.m. | House of Representatives: 12:00 p.m.

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Recent Updates

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Refine Search:

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Zip Code

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Representative Lynn DeCoite



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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

Member of the following committees:

- [Agriculture](#)
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Newsletters

- [Representative DeCoite's End of Year Newsletter - Dec 2015](#)
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- [Representative DeCoite's Legislative Newsletter- April 2015](#)

- 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 (2006-2009)
- President, Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance (2006-2015)
- Chairperson, Farm Service Agency (2007-2015)
- Member, Hawaii State Board of Agriculture (2012-2015)

Measures Introduced

	Title
HB1595	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY.
HB1607	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
HB1672	RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS.
	RELATING TO UNITED STATES SENATOR

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. [See flyer.](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
 5:30pm-7:00pm
 Haiku Community Center
 Hana Highway at Pili'aloa 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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CPC	House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce	
CPH	Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health	
EDB	House Committee on Economic Development & Business	
EDN	House Committee on Education	
EDU	Senate Committee on Education	
EED	House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection	
EET	Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology	
FIN	House Committee on Finance	
GVO	Senate Committee on Government Operations	
HEA	Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts	
HED	House Committee on Higher Education	
HLT	House Committee on Health	
HMS	Senate Committee on Human Services	
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HWN Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs



Chair



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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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HWN Measures in 2016

Measure and Title
SB44 SD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.
SB183 RELATING TO CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.
HB205 HD1 SD1 RELATED TO AGRICULTURE.
SB483 SD1

Members

[Lorraine R. Inouye](#)

[Sam Slom](#)

[Donna Mercado Kim](#)

OMH House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs



Chair



[Kaniela Ing](#)
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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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OMH Measures Scheduled for Hearing (Current Notices)

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No Hearings Scheduled

Members

Ty J.K. Cullen	Calvin K.Y. Say
Cindy Evans	Ryan I. Yamane
Chris Lee	Feki Pouha
Scott Y. Nishimoto	Cynthia Thielen

OMH Measures in 2016

No Measures Available

WAM Senate Committee on Ways and Means



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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.

Vice Chair



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Members

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- [J. Kalani English](#)
- [Brickwood Galuteria](#)
- [Breene Harimoto](#)
- [Lorraine R. Inoué](#)
- [Gil Riviere](#)
- [Brian T. Taniguchi](#)
- [Glenn Wakai](#)
- [Sam Slom](#)

WAM Measures in 2016

Measure and Title
SB51 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH.
SB2006 RELATING TO TAXATION.
SB2037 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Documents and Links

[Tax System Modernization Info Briefing](#)

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House Committee on
Finance



Chair



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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.

Vice Chair



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What is going on here?



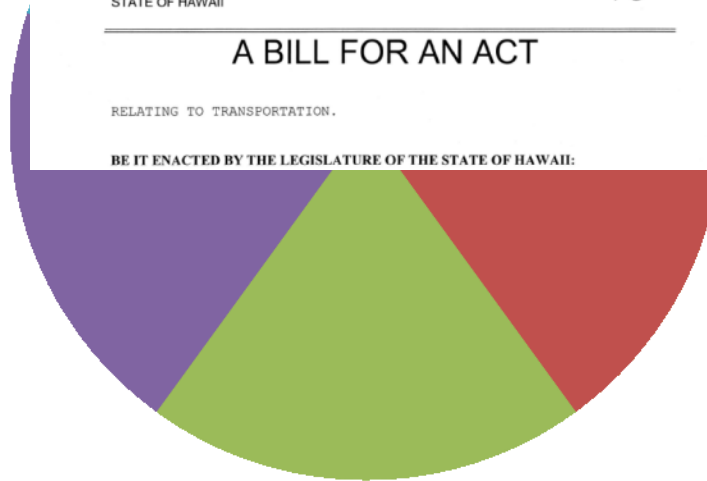
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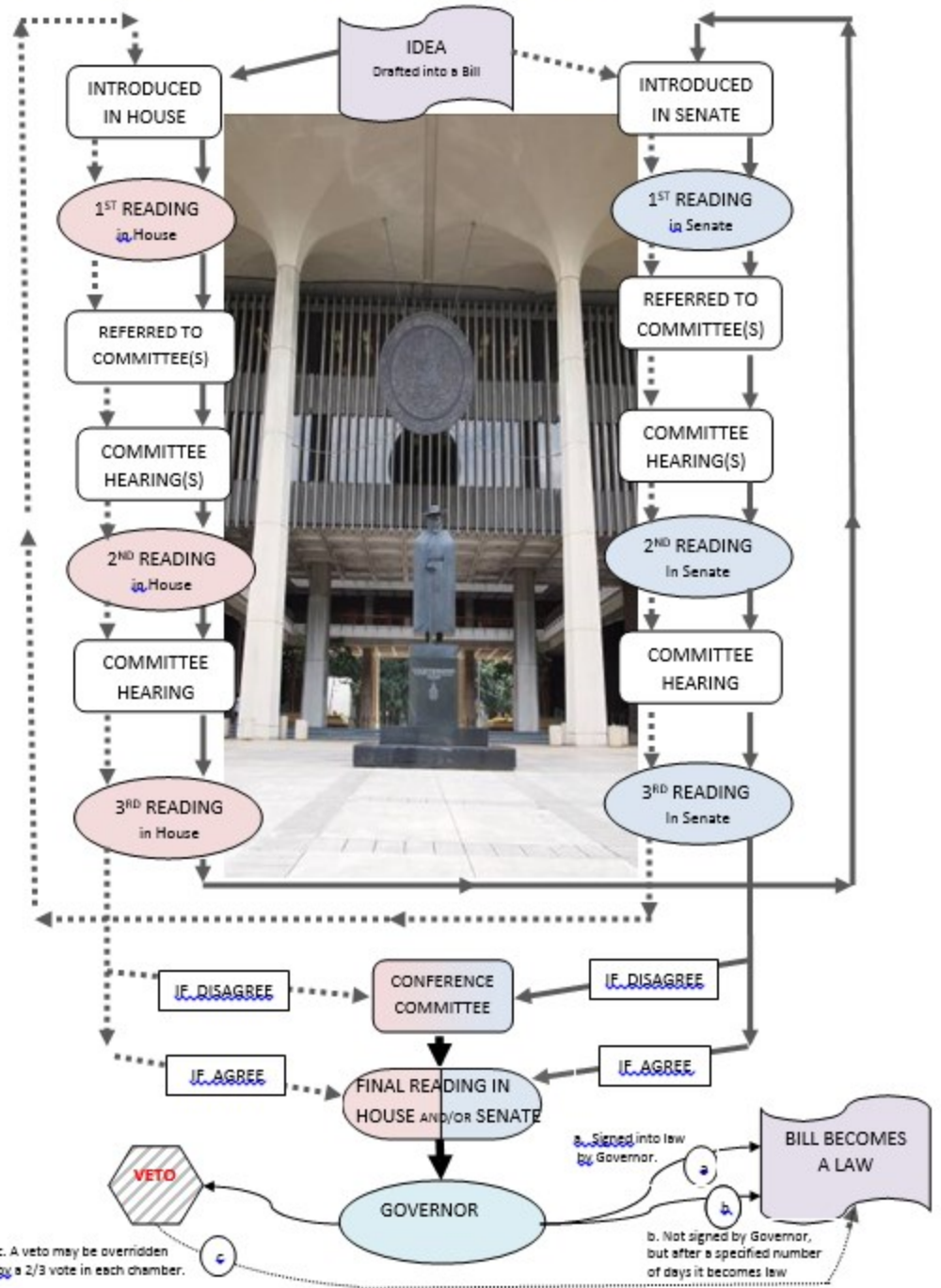
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:



QUICK VIEW OF HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN HAWAII



c. A veto may be overridden by a 2/3 vote in each chamber.

b. Not signed by Governor, but after a specified number of days it becomes law

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.

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.

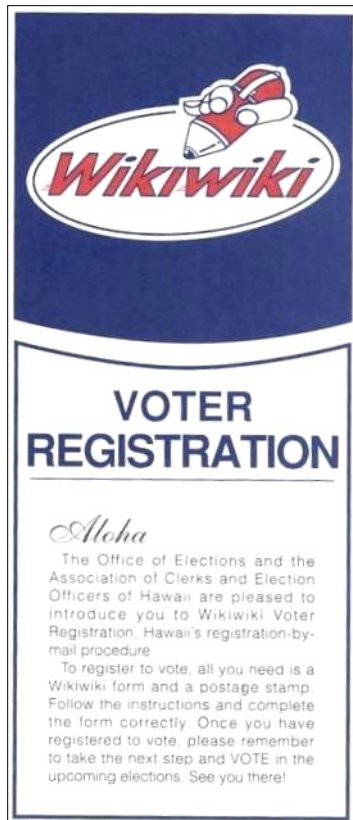
The State Budget (cont.)

- 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.

How do I add my voice to the mix?



What can you do?



- 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

- "But they won't listen to me!"

- "Have you contacted 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.
- Include your return address or contact information.
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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A G E N D A

RELATING TO INCREASING THE PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS' PRO RATA SHARE OF THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST.

HWN, WAM

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.

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

HWN, WAM

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 then it is on the agenda.

For accommodations 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 [redacted]

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:

- (1) 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
- (2) 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

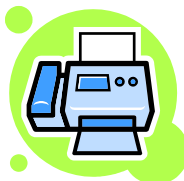

Your name

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 any) 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!**

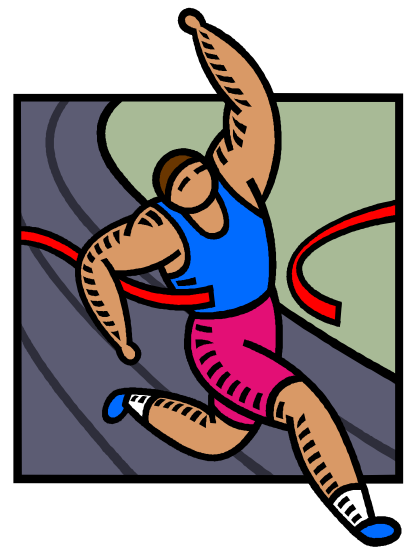


Find others who agree with your position to amplify your voice

- 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**

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- **Deadline tracking** (find out what's still alive)
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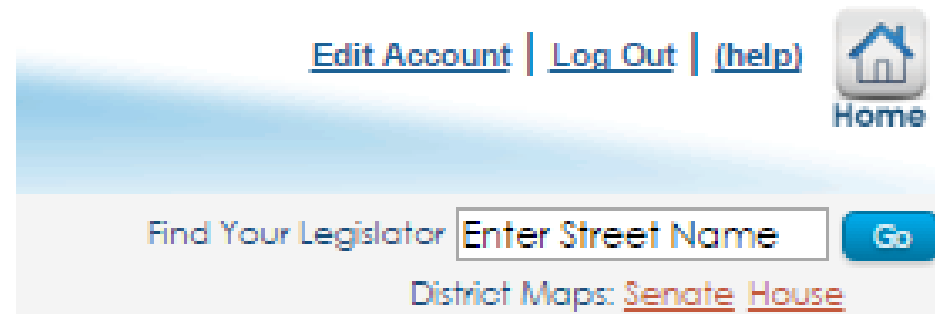
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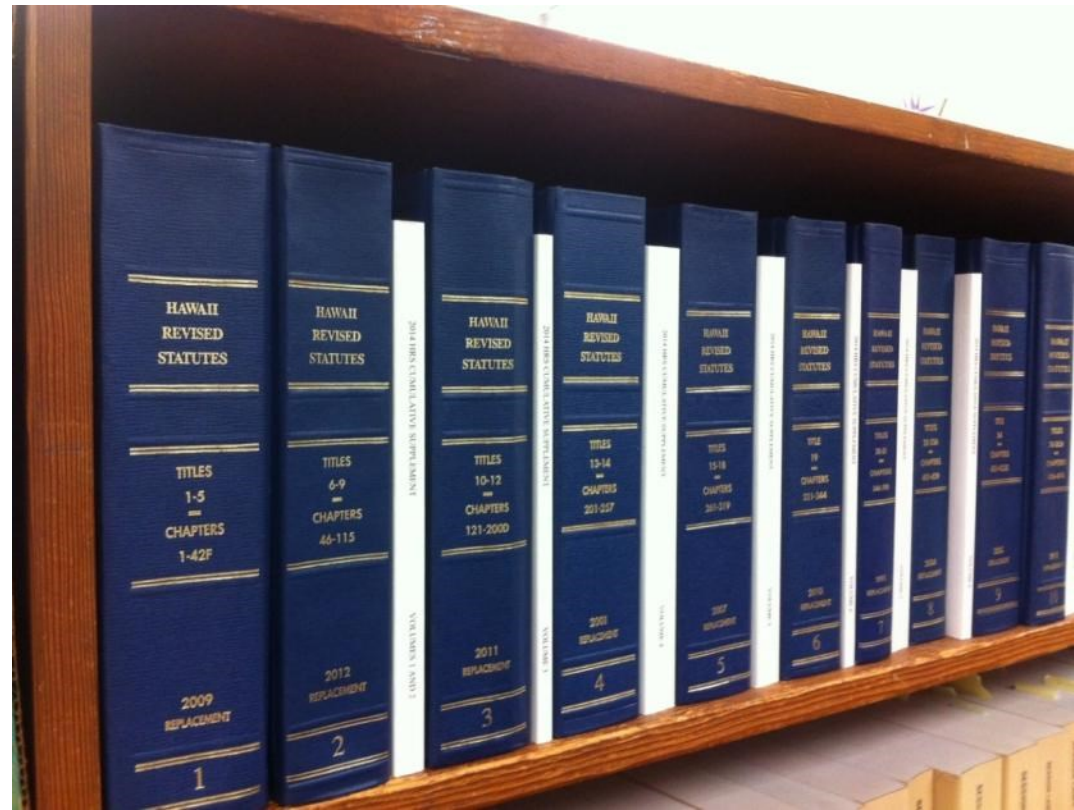


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