

# 2021 SESSION CALENDAR

NOTE: ON THE 55 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
<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>20</b> Opening Day <span style="float: right;">1</span>	<b>21</b> <span style="float: right;">2</span>	<b>22</b> Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff <span style="float: right;">3</span>	<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">4</span>
24	<b>25</b> State-of-the- State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff <span style="float: right;">4</span>	<b>26</b>  Recess #1	<b>27</b> State-of-the- Judiciary Address &  <b>Bill Intro Cutoff</b> <span style="float: right;">5</span>	<b>28</b>  Recess #2	<b>29</b>  <span style="float: right;">6</span>	30
31	<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
	<b>1</b> <span style="float: right;">7</span>	<b>2</b> <span style="float: right;">8</span>	<b>3</b> <span style="float: right;">9</span>	<b>4</b> <span style="float: right;">10</span>	<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">11</span>	6
7	<b>8</b> <span style="float: right;">12</span>	<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">13</span>	<b>10</b> <span style="float: right;">14</span>	<b>11</b> Triple Referral Filing (Bills) <span style="float: right;">15</span>	<b>12</b> <span style="float: right;">16</span>	13
14	<b>15</b> <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">17</span>	<b>17</b> <span style="float: right;">18</span>	<b>18</b> First Lateral Filing (Bills) <span style="float: right;">19</span>	<b>19</b> First Lateral (Bills) <span style="float: right;">20</span>	20
21	<b>22</b> <span style="float: right;">21</span>	<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">22</span>	<b>24</b> <span style="float: right;">23</span>	<b>25</b> Mandatory 5- Day Recess Begins <span style="float: right;">23</span>	<b>26</b> <span style="float: right;">20</span>	27
28	<b>MARCH</b>					
	<b>1</b> <span style="float: right;">24</span>	<b>2</b> <span style="float: right;">25</span>	<b>3</b> Last Day of 5-Day Mandatory Recess <span style="float: right;">24</span>	<b>4</b> <span style="float: right;">24</span>	<b>5</b> First Decking (Bills) <span style="float: right;">25</span>	6
7	<b>8</b> Recess #3 <span style="float: right;">26</span>	<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">26</span>	<b>10</b> Recess #4 <span style="float: right;">27</span>	<b>11</b> First Crossover (Bills) <span style="float: right;">27</span>	<b>12</b> Substantive Resolution Cutoff <span style="float: right;">28</span>	13
14	<b>15</b> [Budget Decking] <span style="float: right;">29</span>	<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">30</span>	<b>17</b> [Budget Crossover] <span style="float: right;">31</span>	<b>18</b> Triple Referral Filing (Bills) <span style="float: right;">32</span>	<b>19</b> <span style="float: right;">33</span>	20
21	<b>22</b> Budget Decking <span style="float: right;">34</span>	<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">35</span>	<b>24</b> Budget Crossover Second Lateral Filing (Bills) First Lateral (House Concurrent Resos) <span style="float: right;">36</span>	<b>25</b> Second Lateral (Bills) <span style="float: right;">37</span>	<b>26</b> <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Kuhio Day</i>	27
28	<b>29</b> <span style="float: right;">38</span>	<b>30</b> <span style="float: right;">39</span>	<b>31</b> First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) <span style="float: right;">40</span>			
<b>APRIL</b>				<b>1</b> <span style="float: right;">41</span>	<b>2</b> <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4	<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">42</span>	<b>6</b> <span style="float: right;">43</span>	<b>7</b> <span style="float: right;">44</span>	<b>8</b> Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos) <span style="float: right;">45</span>	<b>9</b> Second Decking (Bills) <span style="float: right;">46</span>	10
11	<b>12</b> Recess #5 <span style="float: right;">47</span>	<b>13</b> <span style="float: right;">47</span>	<b>14</b> Recess #6 <span style="float: right;">48</span>	<b>15</b> Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree <span style="float: right;">48</span>	<b>16</b> Constitutional Amendments <span style="float: right;">49</span>	17
18	<b>19</b> Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) <span style="float: right;">50</span>	<b>20</b> <span style="float: right;">51</span>	<b>21</b> Recess #7 <span style="float: right;">51</span>	<b>22</b> Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills) <span style="float: right;">52</span>	<b>23</b> Final Decking (Fiscal Bills) <span style="float: right;">53</span>	24
25	<b>26</b> Recess #8 <span style="float: right;">54</span>	<b>27</b> <span style="float: right;">54</span>	<b>28</b> Recess #9 <span style="float: right;">54</span>	<b>29</b> Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i> <span style="float: right;">55</span>	<b>(Session pau!)</b>	

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE DEADLINE INFORMATION

# 2021 SESSION CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

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

**JAN 22 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ALL NON-ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGES** – Bills bundled together by legislative caucuses (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](#) and selecting the "Measures by Package" bar on the left.

**JAN 25 – 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.

**JAN 25 – 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](#) and selecting the "Measures by Package" bar. The administrative package will be listed as "Governor".

**JAN 27 – STATE-OF-THE-JUDICIARY ADDRESS** – The Chief Justice’s biannual address to the assembled joint legislature.

**JAN 27 – 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 11 – 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 19 – FIRST LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills referred to more than one committee must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day. (Note: Committees must file their committee report with the bill by the previous day.)

**FEB 25 – MAR 3 MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS** – Hawaii’s Constitution mandates a 5-day recess between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> 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 5 – 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 11 – 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 12 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS** – Concurrent resolutions (HCRs and SCRs) 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. They require only one vote in each chamber for adoption, and do not enroll to the Governor.

**MAR 18 – 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 22 – BUDGET DECKING** – Deadline for submitting the budget bill for third reading. (Changed from Mar 15.)

**MAR 24 – BUDGET CROSSOVER** – Last day for third reading of the budget bill, to move to the other chamber. (Changed from Mar 17.)

**MAR 24 – FIRST LATERAL FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – All House concurrent resolutions (HCR) with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the originating chamber (the House) by this day.

**MAR 25 – SECOND LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date. (Note: Committees must file their committee report with the bill by the previous day.)

**MAR 31 – FIRST CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for concurrent resolutions to pass the required single floor vote in the originating chamber. Upon adoption by the originating chamber, concurrent resolutions move or “crossover” to the other chamber.

**APR 8 – SECOND LATERAL FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – All Senate concurrent resolutions (SCRs) with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the non-originating chamber (the House) by this day..

**APR 9 – 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 15 – SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber and to “cross back” to the originating chamber.

**APR 15 – 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 conference committees to reconcile their differences.

**APR 16 – DEADLINE FOR FINAL FORM OF BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – A proposed amendment’s final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor 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 19 – 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 OF NON-FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers.

**APR 23 – 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.

**APR 29 – ADJOURNMENT *SINE DIE*** – In Latin, “*sine die*” means “without a day specified” for future meeting. Adjournment *sine die* occurs on the last 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 the Public Access Room (PAR) for information regarding the Governor’s deadlines: (808) 587-0478, [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](#).*