

2019 Key to SHRM Hawaii's State Legislative Bill Tracking

More than 3,000 bills and resolutions are introduced in the Hawai'i legislature each year. Once introduced, proposed legislation can be found at the state capitol legislative website at capitol.hawaii.gov. SHRM Hawaii, through its Legislative Affairs Committee, monitors and tracks bills and hearing notices daily, producing written summaries on a weekly basis. These reports provide insight into how legislation is developing or stalling.

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SB 789	Relating To Minimum Wage.	Changes minimum wage rates annually from 1/1/2020, to 1/1/2024. Provides lower minimum wage rates for employees who receive employer-sponsored health benefits under the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act. Includes persons with disabilities under generally applicable minimum wage requirements. (SB789 HD2)	Brian Taniguchi	House Conferees Appointed: Johanson, Luke Co-Chairs; Cullen, Matsumoto.	Apr 15, 2019	Passed second chamber

- Each bill and resolution is given a letter (HB = House Bill; SB = Senate Bill) followed by a number in the order in which it is introduced in that year. Bills will also be designated by version (e.g. House Draft 1). Bills introduced but not adopted in 2019 can be carried over to the 2020 legislative session. A hyperlink is provided to the bill's text.
- A bill's title (e.g. "Relating to Minimum Wage") cannot be changed once introduced, but the text of a bill can be replaced by legislators provided it still comports with the title/topic. By state constitution, each bill can pertain to only one topic.
- A *brief* summary is also noted but is not legally binding and is provided by legislative staff members simply for convenience – **don't** rely on it to convey the current contents of the bill.
- The bill's introducer(s) are listed, such as state Senator Brian Taniguchi.
- The most recent action taken, such as whether a hearing has been scheduled or conference committee members designated provides information about the current progress of the bill.
- The last action date gives a sense for whether the bill has stalled or is meeting current legislative deadlines.
- The status of the bill (e.g. "passed second chamber") provides information about whether the bill has met certain legislative deadlines. If a bill has not been approved by both chambers of the legislature by April 5, it is inactive for 2019.