

COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

House and Senate committees encompassing related subject areas generally have similar memberships and are grouped under broad program areas. This committee organization, known as the "bracket system," enables committee members to consider related bills, programs, and budgetary issues that may be raised in any of the program area committees. The bracket system also facilitates the joint referral and hearing of bills and allows chairs in the same bracket to exchange meeting times to accommodate their respective workloads as the need arises.

For example, during the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions, the House of Representatives has 20 standing committees and the Senate has 14 standing committees. Under this system, each representative or senator sits on several standing committees. The House and Senate bracket systems were implemented to avoid overlapping meeting schedules so that all members will have a greater opportunity to participate in their committees' activities.

The House committee bracket system operates as follows:

- All committees are organized under either the "A" or "B" bracket. Meetings and public hearings for all committees in the "A" bracket are held in the afternoons and evenings, while "B" bracket committees meet in the mornings. Most representatives are assigned to one program area in the "A" bracket to fill their afternoon and evening schedules and one program area in the "B" bracket to fill their morning schedules.
- Standing committees within each bracket are grouped under major program areas, such as "Economic Development" or "Justice & Consumer Protection," each consisting of one to three committees. For example, the Economic Development program area consists of the committees on Agriculture; Economic Revitalization & Business; International Affairs; and Tourism.
- In most cases, committees within the same program area have similar memberships, allowing a representative to serve on a number of different though related committees.

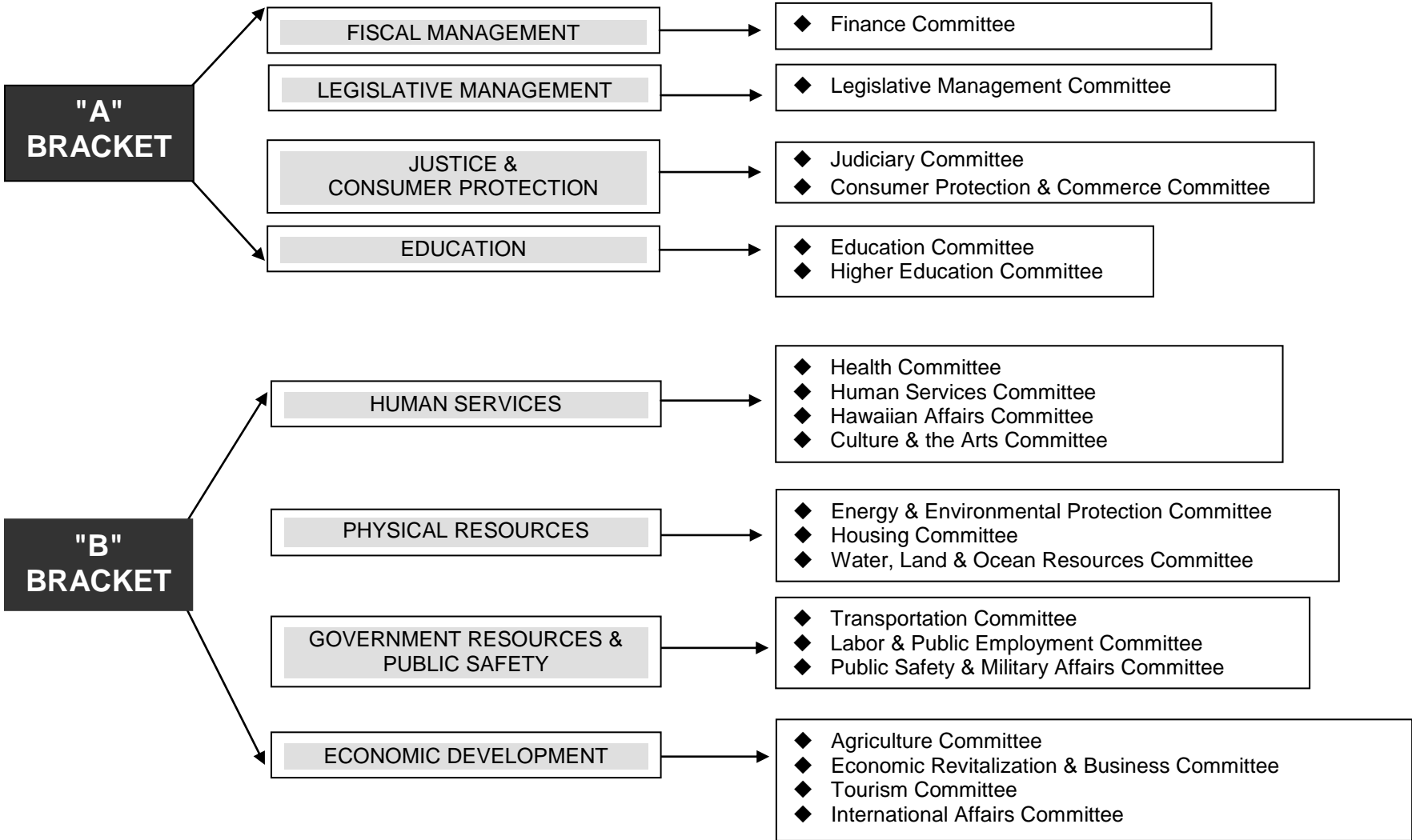
The Senate committees are organized under the "A," "B," or "C" bracket system. Meetings and public hearings for all committees in the "A" bracket are usually held in the mornings, Monday through Friday, and may extend into the afternoons, if additional meetings are necessary. Senate "B" bracket standing committees usually meet in the afternoons, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Senate "C" bracket standing committees usually meet in the afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday, if necessary.

For the Twenty-sixth Legislature (2011 and 2012 legislative sessions), the committee organizations of the House of Representatives and the Senate are as follows:

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM

Major Program Areas

Standing Committees



HOUSE "A" BRACKET STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

FISCAL MANAGEMENT	EDUCATION	JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
Finance Committee (FIN) FINtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov	Education Committee (EDN) EDNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov	Judiciary Committee (JUD) JUDtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
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HOUSE "B" BRACKET STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

HUMAN SERVICES	PHYSICAL RESOURCES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & PUBLIC SAFETY
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM

Brackets

Standing Committees

"A" Bracket →

- ◆ Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
- ◆ Judiciary and Labor Committee
- ◆ Ways and Means Committee

"B" Bracket →

- ◆ Economic Development and Technology Committee
- ◆ Education Committee
- ◆ Health Committee
- ◆ Transportation and International Affairs Committee
- ◆ Water, Land and Housing Committee

"C" Bracket →

- ◆ Agriculture Committee
- ◆ Energy and Environment Committee
- ◆ Hawaiian Affairs Committee
- ◆ Human Services Committee
- ◆ Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs Committee
- ◆ Tourism Committee

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