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## Understanding Post-Session Deadlines

Governor Neil Abercrombie signed more than 50 Senate Bills into law before the end of the 2012 Legislative Session. The Legislature passed 345 bills, of which 166 were Senate Bills. While May 3, 2012 marked the adjournment of the Hawaii State Legislature's 2012 Regular Session, many bills that were sent to the Governor for consideration still await his signature.

### Here are the post-session deadlines:

#### Notice of Intent to Veto Deadline:

If the Governor has any intent to veto a bill, he must give notice to the Legislature of his plans by the 35th day after adjournment. This year, the 35th day after adjournment falls on June 25, 2012. Any bill for which notice is not given will become law, either by the Governor's signature within the next ten days or by effect of law on the 45th day. The Governor's notification of intent to veto does not necessarily mean that a bill will be vetoed. The Governor can still change his mind and sign the bill, or simply allow it to become law without his signature.

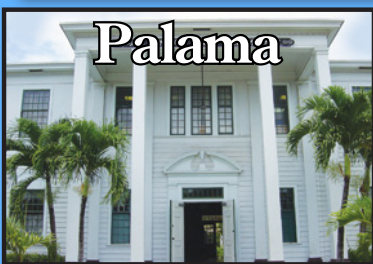
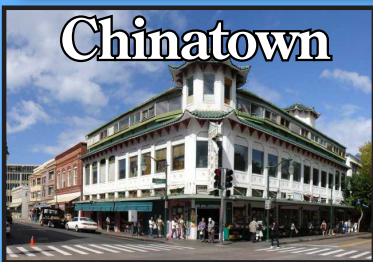
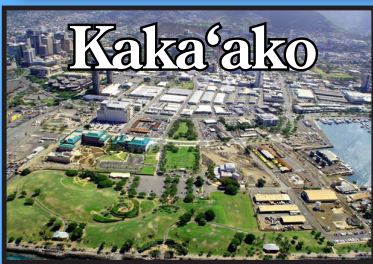
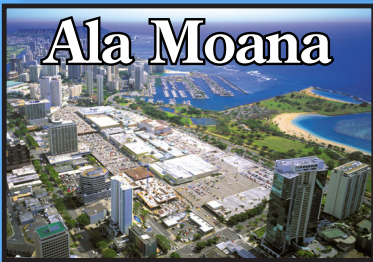
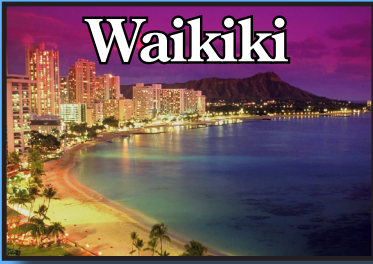
#### Veto Deadline:

After the Legislature adjourns, the Governor has 45 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) to consider bills presented to him, including those sent to him less than ten days before adjournment. This year, July 10, 2012 marks the 45th day after adjournment and is the last day for the Governor to veto bills from his intent to veto list. Any bills signed or vetoed by this date will become law without the Governor's signature.

#### Special Session:

The Legislature may convene at or before noon on the 45th day in special session to amend a returned bill to meet the Governor's objections or to override the Governor's vetoes. The Legislature may override a veto by two-thirds vote of all members to which each house is entitled.

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# Bills Recently Signed Into Law

## Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness Bill

Governor Abercrombie signed Senate Bill 2804 into law on June 8, 2012. The measure establishes the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness under the Department of Human Services. The Council will identify critical strategic goals and initiatives that would mitigate homelessness, as well as ensure that homeless persons obtain permanent housing and become reintegrated into the community.

Under the law, the Department of Human Services is required to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing safe havens in Hawai'i and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2012. The Governor also named Colin C. Kippen as the new Coordinator on Homelessness on June 8, 2012.

## Justice Reinvestment Initiative Bills

On Wednesday, June 18, 2012, Governor Abercrombie signed House Bill 2515 and Senate Bill 2776 into law. This comprehensive policy package is designed to reduce recidivism, increase efficiency in the criminal justice system, and ensure accountability of people convicted of crimes. Based on the recommendations of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, it is a date-driven approach to reduce corrections spending and generate savings to reinvest in strategies that increase public safety.

## Bills That Support Local Farmers

Governor Abercrombie signed a number of measures on Friday, June 15, 2012 that include two that are aimed to benefit local farmers who want to sell their products and/or establish agricultural-based commercial operations.

Senate Bill 2375 authorizes ag-based commercial operations in agricultural districts, thereby increasing farmers' ability to sell their products and promote food sustainability. Senate Bill 2646 is intended to promote and support diversified agriculture by exempting certain non-residential agricultural buildings from county building permit requirements.

## Education-Related Bills

Senate Bill 2115 which replaces the chapter governing charter schools, House Bill 2513, which provides the Department of Education flexibility in administering and implementing health services the program for students, Senate Bill 2540, which amends or repeals various provisions in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes relating to education, and several other education-related measures were signed into law on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

*For a complete list of bills signed into law, go to <http://capitol.hawaii.gov>.*