



# Senator Roz Baker

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and privilege to represent you and our communities in the Hawai'i State Senate! Mahalo for attending our community meeting. I hope you will continue to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with me throughout the coming year.

This year I am honored to serve as Chair of the newly combined committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health. I have worked diligently in both of these areas during my tenure at the Legislature. I will continue to serve as a member of the Economic Development, Environment, and Technology committee and the Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs committee.

The 2016 legislative session convened January 20, 2016. So far I have drafted over 50 bills aimed at improving our community's health, increasing consumer protection and enhancing our governments efficiency to better serve you. I look forward to continuing to partner with Representative Angus McKelvey to work on issues important to our 6th district. Rep. McKelvey's office can be reached at (808)-586-6160 or emailed at [repmckelvey@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmckelvey@capitol.hawaii.gov).

I anticipate a very busy and productive session ahead and if our office can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact us. Office manager Peggy Mierzwa and committee clerk Kelli-Rose Hooser can be reached by calling our office. My knowledgeable staff is more than happy to help. Again, mahalo nui loa for giving me the privilege of representing you.

A hui hou,

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## Legislation at your Fingertips

Log on to [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). Use the **Keywords** search function, on the left, to begin bill tracking. The **Search Examples** tip, on the bottom-left hand corner can help narrow your search. With the bill number, the website offers a variety of services:

- **Measure Tracking:** Click the **Measure Tracking** icon, set up your personal account, create a list name and add measure(s) to track. You will now have the status and update information of all the bills in your list.
- **Submit Testimony:** Click the **Submit Testimony** icon for instructions to submit online testimony. Please note: in order to submit online testimony the measure must be referred to a committee and currently be scheduled for hearing.
- **Hearing Notification:** After clicking the **Hearing Notification** icon, you will be asked to set up your account if you don't have one. You will then be brought to a screen to enter the bill and/or resolution numbers or the committees you'd like to receive hearing notices for. Once a bill is introduced you can also set up a specific tracker to follow that bill and its progress through session.
- **Video Streams:** The Legislature will stream live over the internet selected committee hearings and the daily Senate and House floor sessions. Links to the live and archived audio and video streams are accessible from the website.
- **Floor Sessions:** The Senate usually convenes at 11:30am; the House at noon.

The screenshot shows the Hawaii State Legislature website interface. Key features include:

- Search:** A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a "Search" button. Below it are filters for "Keywords", "Hearings by Date", "Hearings by Measure", and "Order of the Day".
- Recent Updates:** A section titled "Aloha!" with a message about the website being updated for the 2015 Session. It includes links to "General Information and FAQs" and "Help page".
- Navigation Icons:** A row of icons for "Submit Testimony", "Hearing Notification", and "Measure Tracking", each with a red circle around it.
- Current Hearings:** A table listing current hearings with columns for Committee, Measure, Date/Time, and Notice.
 

Committee	Measure	Date/Time	Notice
INFO-FIN-WAY	Informational Briefing	1/16/2015 9:30 AM	See It
INFO-FIN-WAY	Informational Briefing	1/13/2015 9:30 AM	See It
INFO-FIN-WAY	Informational Briefing	1/13/2015 9:30 AM	See It
- Right Side Navigation:** Links for "Senate", "House", "Archives", "Legislative Information", "Special Studies", "Links", "About the Capitol", "Hawaii State Capitol", "Help and Information", "Testimony and Login Help", "Citizens Guide to the Legislative Process", "Maps & Directories", "General Information and FAQs", "Legislative History", "Broadcasts", "Calendar", "RSS Feeds", and "Contact Us".

### Dates to Watch

- **Jan 20 Opening Day of the Legislature** —Bill introduction officially begins!
- **Jan 22 Last Day for Organizations to Submit Grant and Subsidy Requests**—to the Senate Ways and Means and House Finance Committees
- **Jan 25 State-of-the-Judiciary Address**—Chief Justice's address to the Legislature
- **Jan 27 Last Day to Introduce Bills**—Only Legislators can introduce bills. Once introduced a bill receives a HB or SB number and will be listed in "Bill Status" on the Capitol website
- **Feb 25—March 2 Constitutionally Mandated 5-Day Recess**—Allows legislators to update their communities on happenings at the Capitol. There are no floor sessions scheduled. Committees often continue to hold hearings
- **March 11 Last Day to Introduce Substantive Resolutions**—Resolutions cannot appropriate funds
- **April 28 Final Decking for Non-Fiscal Bills**—Deadline to position non-money bills for final passage
- **April 29 Final Decking of Fiscal Bills**—Deadline for bills with an appropriation or money committee referral
- **May 5 Adjournment Sine Die**—Last day of the regular session when work on budget, bills, confirmations and resolutions has been completed