



Committee & Legislative Session Comparison

Compare the features of a YAG committee session and a legislative session using the comparison sheet below.

Committee Session	Legislative Session
Consists of a smaller group of delegates representing both chambers who examine bills in detail before they reach the full legislature.	The complete legislative body is split between the House of Representatives and the Senate in two chambers.
Usually focused on a specific area of governance. For example Finance, Education or Health.	The full House or Senate considers legislation from across all policy areas before deciding whether bills should continue through the legislative process.
Examines bills in detail, gathers information, and recommends whether bills should proceed.	Debates and votes on bills that have successfully passed through committee.
Can amend Bills based on Committee voting.	Can amend Bills based on the chamber voting.
Uses Parliamentary Procedure to guide debate and support bills being examined equally.	Uses Parliamentary Procedure to guide debate and support bills being examined equally.
Committee Chairs and Clerks help to ensure accurate use of Parliamentary Procedure and the recording of proceedings.	Committee Chairs and Clerks help to ensure accurate use of Parliamentary Procedure and the recording of proceedings.
The bill author normally serves as the primary proponent and answers questions from committee members.	Author of the Bill is able to act as the proponent during their chamber session. They must find somebody in the other chamber to act as the proponent should it move to the other chamber.
Successful bills are passed out of committee to be debated in the chamber of origin.	Bills successful in their chamber of origin must be passed to the other chamber for debate. Those successful at this stage must be passed to the Governor for consideration.

See the complete flow of a Bill in the Hawai'i State Legislature below:

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/12/A-Bills-Journey-flow.pdf>



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Remember: The Hawai'i Youth & Government Legislative Conference follows a modified version of this process to suit the conference format. You can find the complete conference procedure in your delegate handbook.