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	FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH U.S. CONGRESS	STATE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE	COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COUNTY COUNCILS
<b>CONSTITUTION</b>	<p><b>United States Constitution</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>                      » United States Code (U.S.C.)</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u>                      » United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)                      » United States Code Service (U.S.C.S.)</p> <p><u>Internet Site</u>  <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/">https://www.govinfo.gov/</a>                      (Search or Browse government publications)</p>	<p><b>Hawai'i State Constitution</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>                      » Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS, Volume 1)</p> <p><u>Secondary Source</u>                      » Hawai'i Revised Statutes Annotated (HRSA, Volume 15)</p> <p><u>SCLL Electronic Resources</u>                      » Lexis – Hawai'i Revised Statutes Annotated</p> <p><u>Internet Site</u>  <a href="https://lrb.hawaii.gov/constitution">https://lrb.hawaii.gov/constitution</a></p>	<p><b>County Charters</b></p> <p><u>Official Sources</u>                      » Revised Charter of the City &amp; County of Honolulu                      » County Charter, County of Maui                      » County Charter, County of Hawai'i                      » County Charter, County of Kaua'i</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u>                      » Honolulu  <a href="http://www.honolulu.gov/cor/rch.html">http://www.honolulu.gov/cor/rch.html</a>                      » Maui  <a href="https://www.mauicounty.gov/893/County-of-Maui-Charter">https://www.mauicounty.gov/893/County-of-Maui-Charter</a>                      » Hawai'i  <a href="https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/legislative/office-of-the-county-clerk/county-charter">https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/legislative/office-of-the-county-clerk/county-charter</a>                      » Kaua'i  <a href="http://www.kauai.gov/Charter">http://www.kauai.gov/Charter</a></p>

	FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH U.S. CONGRESS	STATE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE	COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COUNTY COUNCILS
<b>LAWS STATUTES</b>	<p><b>Enabling Legislation</b></p> <p>Public Laws (P.L. # ) (for example: P.L. 101-52 refers to the 52nd law passed by the 101st Congress)</p> <p><u>Official Source</u> » United States Statutes at Large (Stat.)</p> <p><u>Secondary Source</u> » United States Code Congressional &amp; Administrative News (USCCAN)</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u> <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/">https://www.govinfo.gov/</a> (Search or Browse government publications)</p> <p>» <a href="http://www.congress.gov/">http://www.congress.gov/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>CODIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u> » United States Code (USC)</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u> » United States Code Annotated (USCA)</p> <p>» United States Code Service (USCS)</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u> » <a href="http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria.shtml">http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria.shtml</a></p> <p>» <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/">https://www.govinfo.gov/</a> (Search or Browse government publications)</p> <p>» <a href="http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode">http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode</a></p>	<p><b>Enabling Legislation</b></p> <p>Acts (for example: Act 100, SLH 2004 refers to the 100th law passed by the Hawaii State Legislature in 2004)</p> <p><u>Official Source</u> » Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH)</p> <p><u>SCLL Electronic Resources</u> » Lexis – Hawaii Advance Legislative Service</p> <p><u>Internet Site</u> <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov</a> (coverage starts from 1999)</p> <p><u>Uniform Laws</u> <a href="http://www.uniformlaws.org/">http://www.uniformlaws.org/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>CODIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u> » Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)</p> <p><u>Secondary Source</u> » Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated (HRSA)</p> <p><u>SCLL Electronic Resources</u> » Lexis – Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated</p> <p><u>Internet Site</u> <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Enabling Legislation</b></p> <p>County Ordinances Individual ordinances for all counties are generally available from each County Clerk's office, and at the Supreme Court Law Library.</p> <p>Some ordinances are available on the Internet:</p> <p>» Honolulu <a href="http://www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh">http://www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh</a></p> <p><a href="http://www4.honolulu.gov/docshare/dsw/eb/View/Collection-2204">http://www4.honolulu.gov/docshare/dsw/eb/View/Collection-2204</a></p> <p>» Maui <a href="https://www.mauicounty.gov/165/Ordinances">https://www.mauicounty.gov/165/Ordinances</a></p> <p>» Hawaii <a href="http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-countycode/">http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-countycode/</a></p> <p>» Kauai: <a href="http://qcode.us/codes/kauaicuty/">http://qcode.us/codes/kauaicuty/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>CODIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><u>Official Sources</u> » Revised Ordinances of Honolulu <a href="http://www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh">http://www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh</a></p> <p>» Code of the County of Maui <a href="https://library.municode.com/hi/county_of_maui">https://library.municode.com/hi/county_of_maui</a></p> <p>» Hawaii County Code <a href="http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-countycode/">http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-countycode/</a></p> <p>» Kauai County Code <a href="http://qcode.us/codes/kauaicuty/">http://qcode.us/codes/kauaicuty/</a></p>

	FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH	STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH	COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRANCH
<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS</b></p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS</b></p>	<p><u>Primary Sources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Federal Register</li> <li>» Code of Federal Regulations</li> </ul> <p><u>Internet Sites for Rules</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Federal Register <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/">https://www.govinfo.gov/</a> (Search or Browse government publications)</li> <li>» Code of Federal Regulations <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/">www.ecfr.gov/</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Links to web sites for administrative decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <a href="http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/administrative_decisions">http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/administrative_decisions</a></li> </ul>	<p>A complete, current set of Hawai'i Administrative Rules has not been <b>officially</b> published. Rules are available at the Lieutenant Governor's Office, and at the Supreme Court Law Library. A commercial publication, "Weil's Code of Hawaii Rules", is available at the UH Law School Library. Also, a number of state departments have loaded their rules on the Internet:</p> <p><a href="http://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/administrative-rules/">http://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/administrative-rules/</a></p> <p>For a listing of the rules, check the "Hawai'i Administrative Rules Directory" published by the Legislative Reference Bureau. <a href="https://lrh.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-directory">https://lrh.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-directory</a></p>	<p>A complete, current set of all county rules and regulations has not been officially published. Rules are available from the county clerks on each island, and many are at the Supreme Court Law Library.</p> <p>For links to county agencies, boards, and commissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Honolulu: <a href="http://www.honolulu.gov/hr/location_hours/887-site-clk-2-cat/24912-administrative-rules.html">http://www.honolulu.gov/hr/location_hours/887-site-clk-2-cat/24912-administrative-rules.html</a></li> <li>» Maui: <a href="https://www.mauicounty.gov/67/Government">https://www.mauicounty.gov/67/Government</a></li> <li>» Hawai'i: <a href="http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/">http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/</a></li> <li>» Kaua'i: <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/Government">https://www.kauai.gov/Government</a></li> </ul>

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<b>RULES</b>	<p><b>Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure</b>  <b>Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure</b>  <b>Federal Rules of Civil Procedure</b>  <b>Federal Rules of Evidence</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>  » United States Code, Title 28</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u>  » United States Code Annotated, Title 28  » United States Code Service, Title 28</p> <p><b>Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>  » United States Code, Title 18</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u>  » United States Code Annotated, Title 18  » United States Code Service, Title 18</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u>  <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies">http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies</a>  (Click on “Current Rules of Practice and Procedure” hyperlink)</p> <p>Hawaii US District Court  <a href="https://www.hid.uscourts.gov/">https://www.hid.uscourts.gov/</a></p>	<p><b>Hawai'i Rules of Court</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>  » Hawai'i Rules of Court  (published by the Judiciary)</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u>  » Michie Hawaii Revised Statutes  Annotated: Court Rules  » West's Hawai'i Court Rules, State and Federal</p> <p><u>SCLL Electronic Resources</u>  Lexis – Hawaii Court Rules Annotated</p> <p><u>Internet Site</u>  <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us/">http://www.courts.state.hi.us/</a>  (From “Legal References” pull-down menu, click “Court Rules”)</p>	<b>NONE</b>

	FEDERAL JUDICIAL BRANCH	STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH	COUNTY JUDICIAL BRANCH
<b>CASES</b>	<p align="center"><b>U. S. Supreme Court</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>            » United States Reports (U.S.)</p> <p><u>Secondary Sources</u>            » Supreme Court Reporter (S.Ct.)            » United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition (L.Ed.)            » United States Law Week (U.S.L.W.) – for recent decisions</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u>            » <a href="https://www.supremecourt.gov/">https://www.supremecourt.gov/</a> (from 1991+)            » <a href="https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/home">https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/home</a>            » <a href="https://supreme.justia.com">https://supreme.justia.com</a> (from 1791+)</p> <p align="center"><b>U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal</b>            (note: Hawai`i is in the 9th Circuit)</p> <p><u>Official Source</u>            » Federal Reporter, 1st, 2nd, 3rd series (F., F.2d, F.3d)</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u>            » <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov">http://www.uscourts.gov</a>            » <a href="https://www.justia.com/courts/federal-courts/">https://www.justia.com/courts/federal-courts/</a></p> <p align="center"><b>U. S. District Courts</b></p> <p><u>Official Source</u>            » Federal Supplement, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> (F.Supp., F.Supp. 2d)</p> <p><u>Internet Sites</u>            » <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov">http://www.uscourts.gov</a>            » <a href="https://www.justia.com/courts/federal-courts/">https://www.justia.com/courts/federal-courts/</a>            » <a href="https://www.pacer.gov/">https://www.pacer.gov/</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Hawai`i Supreme Court</b></p> <p><u>Primary Source</u>            » Hawai`i Reports, vols. 1-75 (1846-1994) (Haw.)            » West's Hawai`i Reports, vol. 76 (1994+) (Haw.)</p> <p><u>Secondary Source</u>            » Pacific Reporter 2d series (P.2d), starting with 351 P.2d (1959+)            3d series (P.3d)</p> <p align="center"><b>Hawai`i Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA)</b></p> <p><u>Primary Source</u>            » Hawai`i Appellate Reports, vols. 1-10 (1980-1994) (Haw. App.)            » West's Hawai`i Reports, vol. 76 (1994+) (Haw.)</p> <p><u>Secondary Source</u>            » Pacific Reporter 2d, 3d series (P.2d, P.3d) starting with 611 P.2d (1980+)</p> <p><u>SCLL Electronic Resources</u>            » Lexis – Hawai`i Judicial Decisions            » WestlawNext</p> <p><u>Internet Site for Both Appellate Courts</u>  <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us/">http://www.courts.state.hi.us/</a>            (For dispositions from January 1998+; From "Legal References" pull-down menu, click "Opinions and Orders")</p>	<p><b>NONE</b></p>