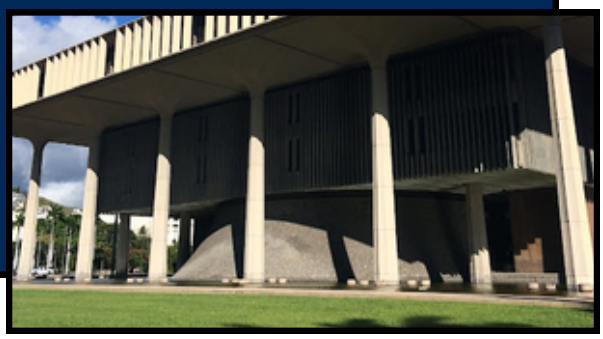
Lawmaking 101: Terminology

- **Readings:** Procedure where the committee hears a bill or motion recited aloud to inform members of a bill's content
- **Amendatory Bill:** A bill amending or repealing an existing law
- **City Charter:** Fundamental document that established the City and County of Honolulu: aims to serve welfare, safety, and aspirations of the people
- **Proposed Charter Amendments:** Changes proposed by council members voted upon by residents during general elections



- **Final passage voting**: Committee votes on bill after its third and final reading, following debates and amendments
- **Mayor's review**: The mayor approves or rejects the ordinance by signing or vetoing





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Lawmaking 101: Progression of Bills to Ordinances

- **Bill:** Legislative measure used to propose a law
  - Progresses through three stages to become a law
    - 1st: introduction
    - 2nd: consideration
    - 3rd: final debate and vote
- **Ordinance:** A permanent law passed by City Council (with mayor's approval) originating from a bill
- **Resolution:** Expresses City Council's stance on existing policies to voice opinions on issues beyond their direct jurisdiction, such as those requiring state action

Ordinance	Resolution
• Permanent laws endorsed by City Mayor and enforced by police	• Not enforced by the law • Plea or request for state government action







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