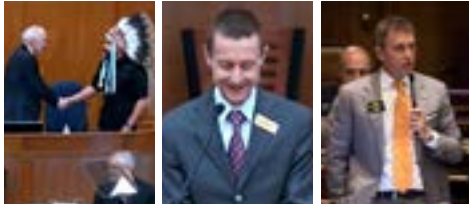




The Council

January 3, 2025

The First Week of Session Has Arrived!



Images from the Tribal-State Relationship message (left) and State of the Judiciary Address (center) during the 68th Legislative Assembly, Jan. 2023. Governor Armstrong speaks in the Senate during a previous Legislative Session (right).

The Legislative Council looks forward to welcoming legislators back to the Capitol full time for the first day of the 2025 legislative session on Tuesday, January 7.

The west parking lot is reserved for legislator use for the duration of the 2025 legislative session. Legislator parking assignments and vehicle parking stickers were distributed during the organizational session. If you need a copy of the assignment sheet, please call or email the Legislative Council office. Parking stickers must be displayed on the back lefthand driver side of your vehicle, either on the back passenger window or rear windshield.

The first day of the legislative session will begin with the Tribal-State Relationship message at 10:00 a.m., followed by the State of the Judiciary Address at 11:00 a.m. and the State of the State Address at 1:00 p.m. All three addresses will be held in the House chamber.

Committee work and hearings will commence on the second day of the legislative session. Schedules for committee work and bill hearings for the first week of the legislative session can be [viewed on the Legislative Branch website](#).

Lifecycle of a Bill

Once committee work commences, bills will begin to be reported back from committees for action on the floor in the chamber in which the bill was introduced. In anticipation of a high volume of bills being introduced during the 2025 legislative session, committee Chairmen are encouraged to use committee time efficiently.

A steady stream of bills being reported out of committees will ensure legislators will have bills to act on during the floor sessions to make the most of the 80 days allowed under the State Constitution for legislators to complete their work.

To provide a helpful tool for new legislators, and a refresher for returning legislators, the Legislative Council has created an overview document summarizing the full [Lifecycle of a Bill](#). This document summarizes the path a bill takes from the time it is introduced in the house of origin, through the time the bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

Employee Spotlight



Tahmidur Rahman joined the Legislative Council as a policy analyst in December 2024. Tahmidur grew up in Dhaka, Bangladesh and holds a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the Military

Institute of Science & Technology under the Bangladesh University of Professionals.

Motivated by his interest in socio-economic issues, Tahmidur pursued a Master of Science in Sociology and Social Policy and a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations at the University of Dhaka. He transitioned into public service as a faculty and research officer at Bangladesh's National Academy for Planning and Development. Tahmidur worked as a Business Consultant for Texas A&M's Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) autonomous aircraft project, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, and is expanding his expertise in U.S. state and local government, energy, economics and security matters as a Master of Public Service and Administration student at the George H.W. Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2025.

In his leisure time, Tahmidur enjoys reading, conducting social research, and teaching policy courses.

999 Bills and Resolutions Requested

Important Dates

Jan. 7: Session Begins

Jan. 8: First Committee Hearings

Jan. 20: Bill Intro Deadline for Representatives

From the Director

Happy New Year!

As we approach the convening of the 69th Legislative Assembly, it seems like an appropriate time to highlight our website's library and research pages. On this page, you can find interesting historical information relating to previous legislative sessions. Because I am frequently asked about the number of bills drafted, I will review some statistics from previous sessions.

In my first session at the Legislative Council (1989), there were 1,384 bills and resolutions introduced. That session lasted 75 days. Between 1991 and 2001, the number of bills and resolutions introduced generally decreased and the length of the sessions varied from 66 to 77 days. The number of bills and resolutions introduced and the number of legislative days remained relatively constant during the next decade, averaging around 1,050 measures and about 77 legislative days.

Beginning with the 2011 session through last session, the number of measures introduced remained below 1,000, with a low of 833 in 2017, and a high of 990 in 2023. The length of the sessions ranged from 75 to 80 days.

Now, for the update on the current bill and resolution numbers. So far, we have received requests for almost 1,000 measures. In addition, we received about 140 agency bills. During the 2023 session, legislators submitted approximately 450 requests for bills and resolutions after the first day of the session. I encourage you to get your requests in as soon as possible because the bill introduction deadlines will come up quickly.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

John Bjornson, Director