

## Chronology of Government in the Hawaiian Islands

Government	Date	Events
Kingdom of Hawai'i Absolute Monarchy King Kamehameha I (1810-1819)	1795	With his victory at the Battle of Lele'anae, Nu'uauu, Kamehameha (c. 1758-1819)—a junior chief of Hawai'i Island prophesized to become a great leader—unifies the islands of O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaho'olawe under his rule. Kamehameha is known as Ka Na'i Aupuni (Unifier of the Nation) and is often referred to as Kamehameha the Great.
	1810	Kamehameha consummates a peace accord with Kaumuali'i, the ruler of Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, and the other northwest islands that had not yet been brought under Kamehameha's rule.
	1819	Kamehameha dies at Kamakahonu, Kona, Hawai'i, proclaiming his son Liholiho as his heir.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Absolute Monarchy Liholiho, King Kamehameha II (1819-1824)	1819	Liholiho (1797-1824) assumes rule and participates in the 'Ainoa (Free Eating), an event that leads to the rapid breakdown of traditional religious practices and provides an opportunity for western religion to establish a foothold in the islands.  Ka'ahumanu, Kamehameha's wife and a high-ranking chiefess in her own right, designates herself as Kahu Ali'i Nui (Royal Custodian) over the young King.
	1823	Liholiho designates his brother, Kauikeaouli, as his heir.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Constitutional Monarchy Kauikeaouli, King Kamehameha III (1825-1854)	1825	Following Liholiho's death in 1824, Kauikeaouli (1813-1854), succeeds to the throne. He is only 9 years old at the time.
	1825	Kaumuali'i dies at the royal fort of Pākākā, O'ahu.  Kalanimoku, the kingdom's chief counselor and supreme war leader, travels to Kaua'i, where a battle ensues over land disputes. Kaua'i chiefs under Kaumuali'i's junior-ranking son, Humehume, resist Kalanimoku and are defeated.
	1840	King Kamehameha III enacts the Kingdom's first constitution, which adopts a western-style bicameral legislative assembly and judicial system, and formally declares that Hawai'i's lands belong to the chiefs and the people in common, with the King as the head.

	1845	A Board of Land Commissions is established to implement and oversee the transition of Hawai'i's land tenure into a private property system, which initially results in approximately one million acres allocated to the King, 1.5 million acres to the government, 1.6 million acres to the chiefs, and less than 30,000 acres (less than 1%) to the people. Initial land awards to the King, the government, and chiefs are made subject to the rights of the native tenants.
	1850	The Kuleana Act of 1850 allows maka'āinana (common citizens) to petition the King for land that they traditionally cultivated and lived on. The act requires a land survey and testimony.
	1850	The Kingdom of Hawai'i and the United States of America, with the desire to maintain good relations, enter into a Treaty of Friendship.
	1852	The Privy Council replaces the 1840 Constitution with the 1852 Constitution.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Constitutional Monarchy Alexander Liholiho, Kamehameha IV (1855-1863)	1855	Alexander Liholiho (1834-1863), grandson of Kamehameha I, succeeds to the throne.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Constitutional Monarchy Lot Kapuāiwa, Kamehameha V (1863-1872)	1863	Lot Kapuāiwa (1830-1872), brother of Alexander Liholiho, succeeds to the throne and calls for a constitutional convention.
	1864	The 1864 Constitution replaces the 1852 Constitution.
	1872	King Kamehameha V dies without naming a successor to the throne. Article 22 of the Constitution directs the Legislative Assembly to elect an "ali'i of the kingdom" as successor.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Constitutional Monarchy William Lunalilo (1873-1874)	1873	The Legislative Assembly elects William Lunalilo (1835-1874) to succeed to the throne.
Kingdom of Hawai'i Constitutional Monarchy David Kalakaua "Merrie Monarch" (1874-1891)	1874	David Kalākaua (1836-1891) is elected King over the Dowager Queen Emma.
	1875	The Kingdom of Hawai'i and the United States of America enter into a free-trade agreement, the Reciprocity Treaty, which allows certain products, including sugar, to enter either country duty free.

	1887	King Kalākaua yields to western pressure and appoints a new cabinet to write a new constitution. Kalakāua reluctantly signs the 1887 Constitution, often referred to as the “Bayonet Constitution,” which reduces the Monarch to ceremonial status, places the executive powers in the hands of the cabinet, and makes a seat in the House of Nobles an elected office. Voting is restricted to Hawaiians, Americans, and Europeans and to those males owning taxable property worth no less than \$3,000 who are able to read a newspaper in either Hawaiian, English, or a European language.
Kingdom of Hawai‘i Constitutional Monarchy Lydia Kamaka‘eha, Queen Lili‘uokalani (1891-1893)	1892	Lydia Kamaka‘eha (1838-1917) succeeds to the throne as Queen Lili‘uokalani
	1893	In response to the calls of her people, Liliu‘okalani considers adopting a new constitution to address voting restrictions that disenfranchised a large number of Hawaiian born citizens.
	1893	On January 17, 1893, American and European businessmen, with the support of armed United States naval forces, stage a coup to overthrow the Hawaiian Kingdom and depose the Queen for the purpose of annexing Hawai‘i to the United States to further their business interests. Under protest, Lili‘uokalani yields her authority, anticipating that the United States will undo the unlawful actions of its representatives and reinstate her.
Provisional Government (1893-1894) Oligarchy Committee of Safety	1893	A provisional government controlled by the “Committee of Safety,” a group composed primarily of Europeans and Americans, is instituted pending annexation to the United States.
Republic of Hawai‘i (1894-1900) Oligarchy President Sanford Ballard Dole (1894-1900)	1894	Members of the provisional government declare themselves the “Republic of Hawai‘i” and wait for a better political opportunity to seek annexation.
	1895	A counter-revolution to restore the monarchy is unsuccessful. Queen Lili‘uokalani is imprisoned. While under house arrest, Queen Lili‘uokalani signs a document formally abdicating her throne.
	1896	The Republic enacts Act 57, section 30, which establishes English as the medium of instruction for public and private schools. Schools that do not conform are no longer recognized by the Republic.
	1897	Following United States President William McKinley’s election in 1896, the issue of Hawai‘i’s annexation to the United States is revived. In June 1897, McKinley’s administration and the Republic of Hawai‘i agree to a treaty of annexation.

1897	<p>Three Hawaiian organizations—Hui Aloha ‘Āina for Women, Hui Aloha ‘Āina for Men, and Hui Kālai‘āina—organize petition drives to protest annexation (Hui Aloha ‘Āina organizations) and restore the Hawaiian monarchy (Hui Kālai‘āina). After gathering 21,000 and 17,000 signatures, respectively, a delegation of the groups travels to Washington, D.C., to present the petitions to President McKinley and the United States Congress. The contingency ultimately submits the anti-annexation petition, which is read to and accepted by the United States Senate.</p>
1898	<p>The annexation treaty does not achieve the required number of senate votes and is not ratified.</p> <p>The United States declares war on Spain, and Hawai‘i becomes an attractive strategic military location.</p> <p>President McKinley signs the Newlands Resolution, which annexes Hawai‘i to the United States. The “Republic of Hawai‘i” cedes sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands as well as its title to Hawai‘i’s public lands to the United States.</p>

<p>Territory of Hawai'i (1900-1959) Democracy</p> <p>Governor (Presidential appointment) Sanford B. Dole (1900-1903) (R) George R. Carter (1903-1907) (R) Walter F. Frear (1907-1913) (R) Lucius E. Pinkham (1913-1918) (D) Charles J. McCarthy (1918-1921) (D) Wallace R. Farrington (1921-1929) Lawrence M. Judd (1929-1934) (R) Joseph B. Poindexter (1934-1942) (D) Ingram M. Stainback (1942-1951) (D) Oren E. Long (1951-1953) (D) Samuel Wilder King (1953-1957) (R) William F. Quinn (1957-1959) (R)</p>	1900	Congress passes the Organic Act establishing Hawai'i's territorial government.
	1902	Elected in 1902, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Pi'ikoi (1871-1922) serves for 20 years as Hawai'i's delegate to the United States Congress.
	1921	The United States Congress enacts the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), affirming the special relationship between the United States and native Hawaiians. Approximately 200,000 acres of land are set aside for native Hawaiian homesteads.
	1941	Pearl Harbor attacked, martial law declared. Governors lose administrative powers, territorial constitution suspended, the legislature and supreme court dissolved indefinitely. Military government established.  Military Governors: • Walter C. Short (1941) • Delos C. Emmons (1941-1943) • Robert C. Richardson, Jr. (1943-1944)
	1944	Martial law ends.
	1945	Hawai'i is placed under Article 73 of the United Nations Charter as a non-self-governing territory, under the administering authority of the United States.
<p>State of Hawai'i (1959-Present) Democracy</p> <p>Governor William F. Quinn (1959-1962)(R) John A. Burns (1962-1974)(D) George Ariyoshi (1974-1986)(D) John D. Waihee III (1986-1994)(D) Benjamin Cayetano (1994-2002)(D) Linda Lingle (2002-2010)(R) Neil Abercrombie (2010-Present)(D)</p>	1959	Congress passes the Hawai'i Admission Act (Pub L. 86-3, 73 stat 4), which admits Hawai'i as a State of the Union and transfers the United States' title for most of Hawai'i's public lands to the State as a public trust to be used for one or more of five purposes, including the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians as defined by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Certain lands are retained by the federal government for defense and other federal government uses.
	1963	Congress passes an act that allows lands retained by the federal government to be returned to the State if such lands are declared unnecessary for federal purposes.
	1978	The people of Hawai'i amend several provisions of the State Constitution in a Constitutional Convention.  The Constitution creates the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to hold title to property as a trust for all Native Hawaiians, including a pro-rata portion of the public land trust revenue. A Board of Trustees elected by qualified Native Hawaiian voters is mandated to manage proceeds for Native Hawaiians, formulate policy relating to Native Hawaiians, and exercise control over property set aside and

		<p>transferred to the Board for Native Hawaiians.</p> <p>The constitutional amendments also affirm Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, declare the Hawaiian language one of two official state languages, and require Hawaiian educational programs in public schools.</p>
	1993	<p>President Clinton signs into law “Public Law 103-150,” apologizing for the United States’ role in the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination.</p>
	2000	<p>The United States Supreme Court holds in the controversial <i>Rice v. Cayetano</i> decision that limiting the state election of OHA trustees to Native Hawaiian voters violates the Fifteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.</p>
Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization	2000-2011	<p>Hawai‘i’s congressional delegation advances the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, which aims to reaffirm the United States’ special political and legal relationship with Native Hawaiians, provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian governing entity within the framework of federal law, and provide for the federal recognition of the reorganized Native Hawaiian governing entity.</p>
Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization	2011	<p>Hawai‘i Governor Neil Abercrombie signs into law Act 195, which formally recognizes the Native Hawaiian people as the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli people of Hawai‘i and establishes a Native Hawaiian Roll Commission responsible for preparing and maintaining a roll of qualified Native Hawaiians. Under Act 195, the roll of qualified Native Hawaiians compiled by the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission will be used to determine who is eligible to participate in the process of reorganizing a Native Hawaiian government for purposes of Native Hawaiian self-governance.</p>