

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2006



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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair

**MEASURES DEFERRED TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

TIME: 2:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):  
(Deferred from Friday, February 10, 2006)

SB 2404	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AS A GRANT-IN-AID TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE AEROMEDICAL HELICOPTER UNIT. Appropriates \$512,931 as grant-in-aid to Hawaii county for dedicated emergency medical service personnel to staff the aeromedical helicopter unit on the island of Hawaii.	HTH/IGA, WAM
SB 2409	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG FUND. Appropriates \$200,000 for grass roots community-based anti-drug and substance abuse events in Hawaii county.	HTH/IGA, WAM
SB 2504	RELATING TO PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Requires the State to reimburse counties for issuing parking placards to persons with disabilities.	HTH/IGA, WAM
SB 2694	RELATING TO EXCISE TAX ON HEALTH CARE. Exempts physician services, hospital charges, nursing services, and rehabilitation services from the county surcharge on state tax.	HTH/IGA, WAM
SB 3272	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTIES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PLACARDS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Appropriates funds to the counties as reimbursement for expenses incurred for administering the parking placard program for persons with disabilities.	HTH/IGA, WAM
SB 468	RELATING TO TORTS. Shortens statute of limitations for medical malpractice action. Caps noneconomic damages and contingent attorney's fees awards. Permits evidence of collateral benefits. Disallows punitive damages claim in initial complaint. Permits periodic payments of future damages.	HTH, JHW



SB 2658	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL LIABILITY.</p> <p>Requires the reporting of serious medical errors to the department of health and the medical facilities' patient safety committee. Requires open disclosure of serious medical errors to patients and their families. Requires medical facilities to develop a mediation model for handling serious medical errors.</p>	HTH, JHW
SB 3279	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL LIABILITY.</p> <p>Makes an apology regarding a medical error inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability or an admission against interest in medical malpractice claims.</p>	HTH, JHW
SB 2284	<p>RELATING TO TORTS.</p> <p>Lowers medical malpractice insurance premiums by adopting legislation that directly affects elements impacting medical malpractice insurance rates.</p>	HTH, JHW
SB 2683	<p>RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED MENTAL EXAMINATIONS.</p> <p>Requires that a copy of all court-ordered mental health examinations be provided to the chief of forensics of the adult mental health division of DOH.</p>	HTH, JHW
SB 2539	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.</p> <p>Allows parents or guardians to admit individuals under the eighteen to nonemergency psychiatric treatment facilities without the consent or countersignature of the individual.</p>	HTH, JHW

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-6070.

