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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

DATE: Friday, February 2, 2007
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):
(Deferred from Friday, January 26, 2007)

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| SB 12 | RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE RATE REGULATION.
Prohibits health insurance rates that are excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. Requires health care insurers to submit rate filings for approval by the insurance commissioner. Establishes penalties and appeal procedures. | HTH, CPH |
| SB 53 | RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.
Includes marriage and family therapy among the mental illness and alcohol and drug dependence benefits required within the hospital and medical coverage offered under accident and sickness insurance policies and similar insurance products. | HTH, CPH |
| SB 667 | RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.
Amends the mental health counselor licensure application date to include counselors who have completed or are in the process of completing the requirements for licensure before July 1, 2007. Repeals the sunset date on mental health counselor licensure. | HTH, CPH |
| SB 49 | RELATING TO NATUROPATHY.
Requires the board of examiners in naturopathy to adopt a formulary and qualifications for administering natural medicines by injection, and to grant the authority to qualified naturopaths. Amends the definition of naturopathy accordingly. Establishes a temporary advisory committee to recommend a formulary and qualifications. | HTH, CPH |
| SB 244 | RELATING TO HEALTH.
Requires department of health to adopt rules for beauty shops and health spas providing laser technology. Requires special license for laser technology application for an esthetician to use laser technology. Defines laser technology and health spa. Requires DOH to adopt rules for special license. | HTH, CPH |



SB 51	<p>RELATING TO HOME CARE.</p> <p>Establishes home care agency licensing requirements. Appropriates moneys to create permanent positions at the department of health to license home care agencies.</p>	HTH, WAM
SB 69	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>Establishes a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database to compile and analyze data on the supply and distribution of all health care workers by specialty and practice location. Appropriates funds.</p>	HTH, WAM
SB 167	<p>RELATING TO LOANS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.</p> <p>Establishes interest-free home purchase loan programs for physicians and advanced practice registered nurses to provide them with an incentive to work in hard-to-staff rural areas.</p>	HTH, WAM

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6230.

