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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 9, 2007
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HTH/WAH

SB 1234 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH. WAH/HTH, WAM
Establishes a State designation of Native Hawaiian Health Centers which follow the mandates provided for in the federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

SB 1304 RELATING TO ANIMAL DISEASES. HTH/WAH
Allows authorities to respond to, control, contain and eliminate any threat to livestock & poultry industries, and public health or safety as a result of any contagious, infectious, or communicable animal disease.

HTH/HSP

SB 973 RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH. HTH, WAM
Ensures the community health care system remains financially viable in the face of population growth, uninsured, and under-insured. (pending re-referral HTH/HSP, WAM)

HTH

SB 1728 RELATING TO A TWO-YEAR HEPATITIS C DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. HTH, WAM
Appropriates funds to establish a two-year Hepatitis C demonstration project at the Waikiki Health Center and the West Hawaii Community Center to provide testing, case management, treatment, surveillance, research, and outcome.



SB 1111	<p>RELATING TO FAMILY PLANNING. Provides funding for family planning clinical and contraceptive services; family planning health educators; education materials, multi-media equipment, and training; new outreach services.</p>	HTH, WAM
SB 813	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL LIABILITY. Makes expressions of sympathy or benevolence made to a patient or family member of the patient inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability in civil proceedings brought against a health care provider.</p>	HTH, JDL
SB 1208	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL LIABILITY. Limits noneconomic damages that may be recovered in medical tort actions. Limits the amount of attorney's fees that may be collected in connection with a medical tort action. Amends the definition of "health care provider" and "medical tort".</p>	HTH, JDL
SB 1411	<p>RELATING TO TORTS. Limits noneconomic damages in medical tort actions to a maximum award of \$250,000. Establishes limits for contingent fees that may be contracted by attorneys for medical tort actions. Requires the trier of fact to consider the negligence or fault of all alleged parties, including those who have entered into a settlement, upon request of any nonsettling defendant healthcare provider. Requires economic damages to be allocated to a healthcare provider based upon the healthcare provider's proportionate percentage of negligence or other fault.</p> <p>Redefines "medical tort" to mean a negligent act or omission to act by a healthcare provider in the rendering of professional services, or the rendering of professional service by a healthcare provider without informed consent, which act or omission or rendering of service without informed consent is the proximate cause of a personal injury or wrongful death, provided that such services are within the scope of services for which the provider is licensed and which are not within any restriction imposed by the licensing agency or licensed hospital.</p>	HTH, JDL
SB 1119	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH Appropriates funding for a state drug policy study in order to provide the legislature with information to develop a comprehensive drug policy.</p>	HTH, WAM
SB 1407	<p>RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS. Establishes licensing and solvency requirements for prescription drug plans that are offering a pharmacy benefit pursuant to Medicare Part D.</p>	HTH, CPH
SB 1481	<p>RELATING TO INTERVENTION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. Establishes a pilot program for screening, brief intervention, and referral to substance abuse treatment.</p>	HTH, WAM
SB 1487	<p>RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Allows the public to utilize the controlled substance Pregablin and makes Hawaii's controlled substance laws consistent with that of federal law.</p>	HTH, JDL



SB 1643	RELATING TO DENTISTRY. Requires the board of dental examiner to adopt rules to establish a process for licensure based upon credentials.	HTH, CPH
SB 1747	RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. Appropriates funds to continue the maintenance and operation of developmental disabilities domiciliary homes and developmental disabilities apartment complexes.	HTH, WAM
SB 1108	RELATING TO CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS. Appropriates \$ in FY 2007-2008 to the department of health and the women's caucus of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive educational media and speaking campaign about the causes and prevention of cervical cancer in the State.	HTH, WAM
SB 1258	RELATING TO CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE. Appropriates \$ in FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009 for a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation to support the modified home care and community health demonstration project to address chronic kidney disease, particularly end stage renal disease for patients living in remote areas of the State.	HTH, WAM
SB 1792	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Establishes a regional subsidiary corporation under Hawaii health systems corporation for the Maui region. Makes appropriations.	HTH, WAM
SB 1454	RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND. Renames the special fund to reflect the current name of the Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA). Requires that all moneys collected by OHCA in the form of fees and fines be deposited into this account. Allows the moneys deposited into the special fund to be used to offset OHCA's operational expenses.	HTH, WAM
SB 1804	RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND. Establishes additional funding mechanisms for the trauma system special fund. Makes appropriations.	HTH, WAM
SB 1817	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCES. Appropriates \$225,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 and \$160,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009 for palliative care resources.	HTH, WAM
SB 1855	RELATING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS. Appropriates funds for the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii.	HTH, WAM
SB 1862	RELATING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS. Prohibits a hospital, physician, surgeon, or procurement organization from rejecting an anatomical gift based solely upon the lack of consent of the donor's next of kin and requires a hospital, physician, surgeon, or procurement organization to report all rejections of an anatomical gift to the department of health.	HTH, JDL



SB 900

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

HTH, WAM

Establishes the psychiatric health services pilot project which enables psychiatrists to collaborate with primary care physicians at federally qualified health centers for psychiatric care to patients. Makes appropriation. Repealed 6/30/10.

SB 1004

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS.

HTH, CPH

Authorizes prescriptive authority for qualified psychologists who practice at a federally qualified health center, a health clinic located in a medically underserved area, or an area federally designated as a mental health professional shortage area.

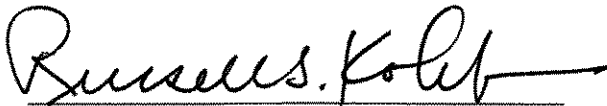
Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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