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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

DATE: Friday, February 22, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, February 21, 2008)

SB 3027, SD1 Testimony	RELATING TO OSTEOPATHY. Includes doctors of osteopathy in the medical doctors chapter (chapter 453) so that the board of medical examiners may treat medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy in the same manner; repeals osteopathy chapter (chapter 460, Hawaii Revised Statutes). (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 3130, SD1 Testimony	RELATING TO NURSING. Provides an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of a master's entry program in nursing to apply as a registered nurse by examination. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 3028 Testimony	RELATING TO GRADUATES OF FOREIGN ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAMS. Requires applicants for acupuncture licensure who graduated from foreign institutes to have their educational information evaluated by a professional crediting evaluator as a prerequisite for taking an exam and getting a license in Hawaii.	HTH, CPH
SB 3015, SD1 Testimony	RELATING TO THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT. Amends the Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Act by prohibiting certain unfair or deceptive business practices by managed care plans, such as disenrolling a person because of a medical condition. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 2314, SD1 Testimony	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Allows an exception for small insurers with less than five per cent of the health insurance market share to offer different types of benefits in a single unified policy. (SD1)	HTH, CPH



[SB 2530, SD1
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT FOR SMALL
BUSINESS.

HTH, CPH

Requires group health issuers to offer small group health plans to self-employed individuals who are licensed by the department of commerce and consumer affairs and are located in the group issuer's service areas. Authorizes the insurance commissioner to exempt certain group health plans based on specified criteria. Allows limits on timing of enrollment and reenrollment to control adverse selection and plan costs. (SD1)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6760.

