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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2008
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 3027, SD1	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
(SSCR2279)		
Testimony		
Status		
SB 3130, SD1	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
(SSCR2220)		
Testimony		
Status		
SB 3028	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
(SSCR2278)		
Testimony		
Status		
SB 2052, SD1	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires that hearing aid devices be included in mandatory insurance coverage for private health insureds. (SD1)	HSP, CPH
(SSCR2086)		
Testimony		
Status		



<p>SB 3015, SD1</p> <p>(SSCR2492)</p> <p>Testimony</p> <p>Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>HTH, CPH</p>
<p>SB 2314, SD1</p> <p>(SSCR2488)</p> <p>Testimony</p> <p>Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO INSURANCE.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>HTH, CPH</p>
<p>SB 2530, SD1</p> <p>(SSCR2506)</p> <p>Testimony</p> <p>Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>HTH, CPH</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 407, State Capitol.
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Senator Russell S. Kokubun
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