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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday March 12, 2008  
TIME: 8 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2790, SD2  
(SSCR2829)  
Status

RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE.  
Appropriates funds for the perinatal clinic within the UH medical school department of obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health to help women with a history of substance abuse. (SB2790 SD2)

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SB 2830, SD2  
(SSCR2790)  
Status

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.  
Extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving; changes the committee's name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place; expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the aging and disability resource center to report to the committee; requires the joint legislative committee to develop a model for a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the joint legislative committee; allows kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the kupuna care program; establishes a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii. (SB2830 SD2)

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| <u>SB 3255, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2831)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.<br>Establishes a long-term care commission to research what resources are necessary to meet state long-term care public policy goals and to recommend a program and funding mechanism that can provide these services. Appropriates funds. Sunsets on 12/01/10. (SB3255 SD2)  | HLT/HSH, HED,<br>FIN |
| <u>SB 2041</u><br><u>(SSCR2628)</u><br><u>Status</u>      | RELATING TO HEALTH.<br>Appropriates funds to match federal funding for the disproportionate share hospital allowance.   | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 2047, SD3</u><br><u>(SSCR2809)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TAXATION.<br>Provides a tax credit for modifications to homes to accommodate persons with disabilities and to facilitate aging-in-place. (SB2047 SD3)   | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 2151, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2765)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN.<br>Expands the long-term care ombudsman program by adding three additional ombudsman positions, one for each neighboring county. (SB2151 SD2)   | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 2542, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2596)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.<br>Ensures continued community-based primary care for the uninsured, underinsured, or medicaid recipients by helping the community health center system to remain financially viable and stable in the face of the increasing needs of these populations. (SB2542 SD2)   | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 3257, SD3</u><br><u>(SSCR2819)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO MEDICAID PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY.<br>Requires the department of human services to provide presumptive eligibility to medicaid or QUEST eligible waitlisted patients. (SB3257 SD3)   | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 3258, SD3</u><br><u>(SSCR2761)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO MEDICAID HOSPITAL AND LONG TERM CARE REIMBURSEMENTS.<br>Establishes reimbursement guidelines and provides appropriations for medicaid to hospitals and facilities with long term care beds. (SB3258 SD3)  | HLT/HSH, FIN         |
| <u>SB 1805, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR855)</u><br><u>Status</u>  | RELATING TO GENETIC COUNSELORS.<br>Establishes a licensure program for genetic counselors. Effective July 1, 2008. (SD1)  | HLT, CPC, FIN        |
| <u>SB 2160, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2597)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HEALTH.<br>Requires the department of health to submit an annual report on forensic patients; requires yearly court status hearings for individuals ordered to be conditionally released or hospitalized as an inpatient by the mental health court; reduces the minimum length of hospitalization from ninety to thirty days for individuals who are recommitted after conditional release; makes appropriation for mental health court operations. (SB2160 SD2) | HLT, JUD, FIN        |
| <u>SB 2864, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2839)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO INSURANCE.<br>Requires the insurance commissioner to conduct a study of the adequacy of health plan reimbursements to providers. (SB2864 SD2)   | HLT, CPC, FIN        |



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| <u>SB 3016, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR2592)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.<br>Maintains competition and consumer choice by deleting requirements that pose obstacles to smaller health plans. Deletes requirement that health plans must maintain a fund equal to "one half of twenty times the maximum benefits paid in 30 days" and caps the deposit requirement at \$20 million. (SD1) | HLT, CPC, FIN |
| <u>SB 3017, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR2722)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO INSURANCE.<br>Improves the insurance commissioner's ability to protect consumers from improper transactions between health insurance companies and their affiliates by authorizing the commissioner to monitor the relationships and transactions between these companies and their affiliates. (SD1)                                    | HLT, CPC, FIN |
| <u>SB 3080, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR2740)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION BACKGROUND CHECKS.<br>Authorize the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to conduct FBI criminal history record checks through the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center on employees, applicants, current or prospective contractors, providers, or volunteers. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)                  | HLT, JUD, FIN |
| <u>SB 3228</u><br><u>(SSCR2675)</u><br><u>Status</u>      | RELATING TO ADJUSTING THE ANNUAL PENSIONS OF RETIRED PATIENT EMPLOYEES AT HANSEN'S DISEASE FACILITIES.<br>Adjusts pension amounts for retired patient employees of Hansen's disease facilities; provides for annual increase to be paid to deceased retired patient employees' estates.  | HLT, LAB, FIN |
| <u>SB 2064, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR2742)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO JURY SERVICE.<br>Allows full-time psychologists to claim an exemption from jury service. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)   | HLT, JUD      |
| <u>SB 2104, SD1</u><br><u>(SSCR2827)</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY.<br>Establishes a statewide organ donor registry. (SB2104 SD1)  | HLT, FIN      |
| <u>SB 3083, SD2</u><br><u>(SSCR2576)</u><br><u>Status</u> | MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.<br>Makes emergency appropriation of general funds for fiscal year 2007-2008 to pay current, essential vendors, reduce accounts payable, and allow operation and provision of current levels of service in Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's facilities. (SB3083 SD2)   | HLT, FIN      |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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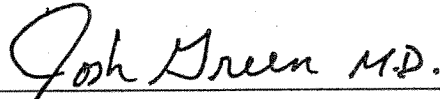
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