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COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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Committee Abbreviations:

AGR - Agriculture	LAB - Labor & Public Employment
CPC - Consumer Protection & Commerce	LMG - Legislative Management
EDB - Economic Development & Business	OMH - Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
EDN - Education	PBS - Public Safety
EEP - Energy & Environmental Protection	TOU - Tourism
FIN - Finance	TRN - Transportation
HED - Higher Education	VMI - Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
HLT - Health	WAL - Water & Land
HSG - Housing	
HUS - Human Services	
JUD - Judiciary	

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RE-REFERRAL

[SB2264, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

Permits hospitals to allow patients the opportunity to designate a lay caregiver. Allows hospitals to include the designated lay caregiver in the patient's medical record, notify the lay caregiver prior to the patient's transfer or discharge, consult with the lay caregiver about the patient's discharge plan, and instruct the designated lay caregivers in after-care. Provides immunity to hospitals and their employees that allow patients the opportunity to designate a lay caregiver or provide voluntary after-care training. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HLT, FIN

Committee
RE-REFERRAL

[SB2347, SD2](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

Requires nursery stock that is infested with certain pests to be treated for the eradication of pests before the sale or transport of the nursery stock from one island to another island within the State or intransland. Requires an element of gross negligence, rather than intent, for a violation of section 150A-6(3) or (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the importation, possession, or transportation of certain animals, plants, or equipment that is harmful to agriculture, horticulture, animals, public health, or natural resources. Eliminates the element of intent to propagate, sell, or release from the penalty for transporting, harboring, or importing prohibited animals or restricted plants, animals, or microorganisms without a permit and from the penalty for importing, possessing, harboring, transferring, or transporting any designated pest. Establishes an affirmative responsibility on the consignor of any landscape material or products, agricultural goods, construction materials, equipment, vehicles, soil, or sand to prevent the movement of invasive species in Hawaii. (SD2)

AGR, JUD, FIN

[SB2351, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

Requires primary care physicians and pediatricians to provide an annual body mass index measurement to patients from age two to eighteen years. Requires primary care physicians and pediatricians to annually report anonymous age and body mass index statistics to the Hawaii health information exchange. Requires health plans to cover expenses related to body mass index measurement beginning on 1/1/2015. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HLT, CPC ,FIN

[SB2421, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Establishes an interagency working group consisting of the chair of the senate committee on education, chair of the house of representatives committee on education, superintendent of education, and comptroller, or their designees, and any other relevant parties. Establishes an interagency working group consisting of the chair of the senate committee on education, chair of the house of representatives committee on education, superintendent of education, and director of health, or their designees, and any other relevant parties. Tasks both interagency working groups with discussing various issues relating to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. Appropriates funds to the department of accounting and general services for additional positions on the islands of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. Appropriates funds to the department of education to establish the interagency working groups and for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

EDN, FIN

Committee
RE-REFERRAL

[SB2469, SD2](#)

RELATING TO TELEHEALTH.

Requires reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient. Clarifies that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers, such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists. Amends references to "telemedicine" in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "telehealth" for consistency. (SD2)

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