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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2020
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A M E N D E D A G E N D A

SB 2985

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RELATING TO VETERINARIANS.

Provides veterinarians who provide emergency care to an animal immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence. Provides veterinarians who render emergency treatment when there is no veterinarian-client-patient relationship, immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence. Requires veterinarians to report to law enforcement events of animal injury, death, or abuse where there is reasonable cause to believe that it relates to dog fighting or animal abuse and gives veterinarians immunity for civil liability for making the reports.

CPH, JDC

SB 2512

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RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Prohibits the owner of an animal, and the owner's employees, from performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking on the animal without being licensed as a veterinarian. Makes intentionally or knowingly performing any surgical procedure on a pet animal by any person not licensed as a veterinarian guilty of a class C felony. Specifies that accepted veterinary practices and cropping or docking as customarily practiced, shall not be considered cruelty to animals in the first degree if performed by a licensed veterinarian.

CPH, JDC

SB 3044

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RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST HEALTH CARE
SECURITY PROFESSIONALS.

Classifies the offense of assault in the second degree of a health care security professional as a class C felony.

CPH, JDC

[SB 2902](#)

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RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Establishes the offense of unlawful shipment of tobacco products. Includes e-liquid and electronic smoking devices within the definition of "tobacco products", as used in the cigarette tax and tobacco tax law. Increases the license fee for persons engaged as a wholesaler or dealer of cigarettes and tobacco products. Increases the retail tobacco permit fee for retailers engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Allocates a portion of funds collected from excise taxes on tobacco products to health education and prevention programs about the risks and dangers of the use of electronic smoking devices for youth. Repeals certain provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to electronic smoking devices. Effective January 1, 2021.

CPH, JDC/WAM

**Measure added
on 2-11-2020**

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair