

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Thursday, February 4, 2021  
TIME:      9:00AM  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 329  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 626](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WATER CIRCULATION.  
Requires the department of health to establish a two-year pilot project to test Tier 1 beaches for Staphylococcus aureus and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus not less than monthly. Requires a report to the legislature before the regular sessions of 2022, 2023, and 2024.

HHH, WAL, FIN

[HB 680](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS.  
Allows the use of traditional Hawaiian burial practices in the treatment and disposal of human remains, which includes the use of alkaline hydrolysis, water cremation, and natural organic reduction. Amends procedures for the resolution of disputes regarding the right of disposition, right to rely and act upon written instructions in a funeral service agreement or similar documents, and provisions for the disposition of a decedent's remains and recovery of reasonable expenses to include hydrolysis facilities and natural organic reduction facilities.

HHH, JHA, CPC

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<a href="#"><u>HB 310</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Amends the definition of "imminently dangerous to self or others". Authorizes the involuntary treatment of patients who are subject to emergency hospitalization, diagnosed with a serious mental illness or severe substance use disorder, and found to be lacking decisional capacity.	HHH, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 314</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING. Requires that providers of services for the department of health or department of human services report any rule or law violations they observe. Requires that providers of health or human services file annual financial reports and that the reports be disclosed to the department of taxation.	HHH, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 474</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM. Extends the hospital sustainability program through June 30, 2024. Increases the maximum fee for inpatient care services to five and one-half per cent. Increases the amount of time hospitals have to pay the hospital sustainability fee from 30 days to 60 days. Increases the pool of medicaid services that can be used matching purposes. Appropriates funds.	HHH, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 138</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO MEDICAL INFORMED CONSENT. Requires the Hawaii medical board to establish standards for health care providers to ensure that a patient's consent to treatment is an informed consent. Requires that informed consent for a proposed medical or surgical treatment or a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure be obtained prior to the day of that treatment or procedure. Specifies that if the treatment or procedure is to occur on the same day it is scheduled, the informed consent shall be obtained at the time the decision is made to schedule that treatment or procedure.	HHH, CPC, JHA
<a href="#"><u>HB 524</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ANIMALS. Establishes a \$500 civil fine for the feeding or attempted feeding of any feral chicken. Provides that the Department of Health shall enforce this prohibition regardless of whether the department determines there is a nuisance that is dangerous or injurious to health. Authorizes county police departments to issue citations.	HHH, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 727</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires DOH to coordinate public health statistics and other public health data to implement and update a statewide public health planning and public health program development program. Requires DOH to establish a fee for inspections of public swimming pools. Increases the annual permit fee and temporary permit fee for tattoo artists. Increases the fee for certified copies of vital statistic records.	HHH, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 839</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HEARING AIDS. Requires health insurance policies and contracts issued after 12/31/21 to provide coverage for the cost of hearing aids at a minimum of \$1,500 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every thirty-six months in their base plans. Exempts mandatory health care coverage from impact assessment report.	HHH, CPC, FIN

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[HB 306](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

HHH, CPC, FIN

Amends the definition of "preceptor" and "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation" to improve accessibility for providers to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors. Includes the Director of Health on the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee.

[HB 309](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

HHH, CPC, FIN

Expands coverage of breast cancer screening and imaging to include risk factor screening, additional and supplemental imaging, and baseline mammograms for women between the ages of thirty-five and thirty-nine.

### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

**If during the course of the hearing it appears that there will not be sufficient time to allow everyone to be heard, the chairperson reserves the right to limit the remaining testifiers to two-minutes. This two-minute policy will be enforced to ensure fairness and adequate consideration to all bills.**

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be able to testify. However, all written submissions will be considered by the committee.

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The House will not be responsible for bad connections on the testifier's end.

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**FOR AMENDED NOTICES:** Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-6150

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Rep. Ryan I. Yamane  
Chair

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