

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
TIME:      9:30 AM  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 329  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 104](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO POOLS.  
Defines "swimming pool" for the purposes of administrative rules to mean impervious, artificial bodies of water used for swimming, diving, or recreational bathing or therapy.

HHH, WAL, CPC

[HB 285](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INSURANCE.  
Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of gender identity if the policy covers the treatment for purposes other than gender transition. Requires insurance companies to provide applicants and insured persons with clear information about the coverage of gender transition services, including the process for appealing a claim denied on the basis of medical necessity.

HHH, CPC, JHA

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| <a href="#"><u>HB 302</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>  | RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.<br>Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to certify whether a person is totally disabled under the income tax code. Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to make capacity determinations. Adds advanced practice registered nurses as primary providers in advance mental health care directives.  | HHH, CPC, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 384</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>  | RELATING TO TELEHEALTH.<br>Prohibits health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage of a service solely because the service is provided through telehealth and not through face-to-face contact. Requires parity between telehealth services and face-to-face services for purposes of deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, benefit limits, and utilization reviews. Clarifies the definition of "telehealth".                       | HHH, CPC, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1106</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a> | RELATING TO HEALTH.<br>Requires all health care and wellness service providers to submit health information to a health information exchange, to be operated and maintained by a state designated entity, for the purposes of facilitating the use and movement of health information among organizations.   | HHH, JHA, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1284</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a> | RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.<br>Reorganizes the administrative structure of the department of human services. Requires the department of human services to submit report to legislature prior to the regular session of 2022 proposing any additional legislation required to complete the reorganization.  | HHH, JHA, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 722</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>  | RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.<br>Establishes a statewide coordinator and program within the department of the attorney general to provide services and assistance to sexually exploited children and victims of human trafficking. Requires the attorney general to submit reports to the legislature. Requires the children's justice program to coordinate the investigation and case management of human trafficking cases, including cases involving the sexual exploitation of children. | HHH, JHA, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 188</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>  | RELATING TO THE ROOM CONFINEMENT OF CHILDREN AT DETENTION AND SHELTER FACILITIES.<br>Establishes conditions and time limits for placing a child in room confinement at a detention or shelter facility.  | HHH, JHA, FIN |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 202</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>  | RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT.<br>Authorizes a court to expunge the records of a person for certain offenses if they are substantially related to the person's homeless status.  | HHH, JHA      |

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[HB 381](#)  
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RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING REASONABLE  
ACCOMMODATIONS.

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Codifies the administrative rule definition of "assistance animal". Clarifies the type of verification an individual may provide to substantiate a reasonable accommodation request for a specific assistance animal. Specifies that possession of a vest or other distinguishing animal garment, tag, or registration document commonly purchased online and purporting to identify an animal as a service animal or assistance animal does not constitute valid verification of a disability-related need for an assistance animal.

[HB 1225](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DIGITAL HEALTH RECORDS.

HHH, CPC, FIN

Requires coordination to link certain information on social services, organ donor status, and immunization data to the statewide health information exchange. Makes participation in the Hawaii immunization registry mandatory for all providers of immunizations, including COVID-19 vaccines, beginning 08/01/2021.

[HB 227](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

HHH, CPC, FIN

Clarifies the group of professionals who are prohibited from knowingly referring or transferring patients to an uncertified or unlicensed care facility. Repeals the landlord exclusion. Requires the department of health to prioritize complaint allegations based on severity for inspections of state-licensed or state-certified care facilities.

[HB 1112](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE VENDING FACILITIES PROGRAM.

HHH, CPC, FIN

Allows persons with a mental illness to participate in the vending facilities program. Limits vending facilities owned or operated by persons with mental health disorders to only those state or county public buildings not currently occupied by blind or visually handicapped vendors.

#### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. 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.

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

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Rep. Ryan I. Yamane  
Chair

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