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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 19, 2021  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
TIMESLOT: CPN

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A G E N D A

[HB 1282, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR652\)](#)

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RELATING TO THE TRANSITION OF THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FROM THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

HTH/CPN,  
JDC/WAM

Commences the transfer of the Oahu regional health care system in its entirety from the Hawaii health systems corporation to the department of health, beginning with the transfer of the Oahu regional health care system's budget into the department of health. Enables the Oahu regional health care system, department of health, Hawaii health systems corporation, and other state agencies to manage and implement the processes required to effectuate the completion of the transition. Authorizes the department of health to conduct long-term care and substance abuse treatment at Leahi hospital and Maluhia and to pay rent for the use of the Leahi hospital property. Requires the department of health to consult with the university of Hawaii regarding programs at Leahi hospital and Maluhia. Clarifies the rights, powers, and exemptions of the Oahu regional system board during the transition period of the Oahu regional health care system into the department of health and the rights and powers of the department of health after the transition is completed. Appropriates moneys from the mental health and substance abuse special fund. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds. Part II effective 7/1/2023. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD2)

[HB 477, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR696\)](#)  
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RELATING TO CANNABIS.  
Authorizes the department of health to allow a licensed dispensary to purchase up to three thousand grams of medical cannabis or manufactured cannabis products from another licensed dispensary to ensure ongoing qualifying patient access. Increases the allowable number of production centers and retail dispensing locations per dispensary license. Places certain limits on where qualifying patients can obtain medical cannabis or manufactured cannabis products after 12/31/21. Prohibits primary caregivers from cultivating cannabis for qualifying patients after 12/31/21. Permits inspections of registered grow sites by department of health or law enforcement to verify compliance with cannabis plant limits for cultivation by qualifying patients. Limits dispensary-to-dispensary sales to those located on the same island, as long as federal law prohibits the transportation of medical cannabis over a body of water. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD2)

HTH/CPN,  
JDC/WAM

[HB 598, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR815\)](#)  
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.  
Establishes the offense of unlawful shipment of tobacco products. 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 concerning 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 7/1/2050. (HD2)

HTH/CPN,  
WAM/JDC

[HB 826, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR699\)](#)  
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.  
Expands the purposes for which moneys in the tobacco enforcement special fund may be used to include all functions of the department of the attorney general. Renames the electronic smoking device retailer registration unit the electronic smoking device retailer registration and enforcement unit. Expands the scope of the unit to include enforcement of compliance of electronic smoking devices with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Establishes a special fund for moneys received from enforcement actions. Amends the fine amount for persons under twenty-one years of age who purchase or possess tobacco products or electronic smoking devices. Appropriates funds. Effective 07/01/2060. (HD2)

HTH/CPN,  
WAM/JDC

[HB 576, HD3](#)  
[\(HSCR910\)](#)  
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.  
Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to perform medication or aspiration abortions. (HD3)

HTH/CPN

[HB 476, HD3](#)  
[\(HSCR903\)](#)  
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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

HTH/CPN, WAM

Imposes an excise tax of fifty percent of the otherwise applicable tax under section 245-3, HRS, on every wholesaler for each modified risk tobacco product sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler. Defines modified risk tobacco product. Establishes taxation of e-liquids used in electronic smoking devices. Requires wholesalers and dealers to be licensed. Requires retailers of tobacco and e-liquids to obtain permits. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD3)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair

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