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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: Via Videoconference

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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A G E N D A

SB 1153 Status & Testimony	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH. Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the state comprehensive emergency medical system for expenses related to collective bargaining and other current expenses. Effective upon approval.	HTH, WAM
SB 1156 Status & Testimony	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for supplies, personnel, equipment and related effects to implement the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Effective upon approval.	HTH, WAM
SB 1157 Status & Testimony	MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES. Provides emergency appropriations in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Department of Health to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities.	HTH, WAM
SB 1117 Status & Testimony	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES. Provides an emergency appropriation to the Office of the Governor in fiscal year 2020-2021 to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities.	HTH, WAM

<p>SB 1234 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE. Authorizes use of funds appropriated from the emergency and budget reserve fund, from the amounts received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act, for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products to state departments and attached agencies. Effective retroactive to 7/1/2020.</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1018 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. Requires the department of health to establish a reorganization pilot project to reorganize the department of health behavioral health services administration.</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1231 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING. Provides flexibility to deploy statewide health planning and resource development programs and resources.</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 138 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TOBACCO TAXES. Increases the cigarette and tobacco tax on cigarettes and little cigars by five cents beginning July 1, 2021. Allocates excise tax revenue generated at the increased rate to specified health improvement purposes beginning July 1, 2021.</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 970 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TELEHEALTH. Authorizes the establishment of a physician-patient relationship via a telehealth interaction, if the physician is licensed to practice medicine in the State.</p>	<p>HTH, CPN/JDC</p>
<p>SB 1258 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TELEHEALTH. Allows for standard telephone contacts for telehealth purposes.</p>	<p>HTH, CPN</p>
<p>SB 628 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TRANSITION OF THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FROM THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. 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 and position count 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 such transition. Part II takes effect on 6/30/2022.</p>	<p>HTH, CPN/WAM</p>
<p>SB 1333 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT. Removes cannabidiol drugs that have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration from the list of Schedule V substances for consistency with federal laws.</p>	<p>HTH, JDC</p>
<p>SB 923 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>HTH, JDC</p>

SB 971

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS.

HTH, CPN

Authorizes the governor to ensure the continued operation of medical facilities during times of health or pandemic emergencies. Authorizes hospitals to suspend elective surgeries in order to address bed capacity during the period of emergency.

SB 240

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RELATING TO MASK AND QUARANTINE VIOLATIONS.

HTH, JDC

Limits first offense violations of a governor's emergency proclamation requiring wearing cloth face coverings to a fine of not more than \$500. Limits first offense violations of a governor's emergency proclamation requiring persons traveling from out of state to quarantine to a fine of not more than \$500, except for those violators who post media of themselves violating the governor's order on social media or who travel to the State with symptoms or a positive test result for COVID-19.

Decision Making to follow if time permits.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Chair