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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022
TIME: 3:00PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

**PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF 1) FULL VACCINATION OR 2) A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST TAKEN WITHIN 72-HOURS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE STATE CAPITOL BEGINNING ON MARCH 7, 2022
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A G E N D A

HB 1745, HD1 (HSCR815-22) Status & Testimony	APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS. Appropriates funds to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	HMS, WAM
HB 1754, HD1 (HSCR736-22) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ADULT DENTAL MEDICAID BENEFITS. Appropriates funds to restore diagnostic, preventive, and restorative dental benefits to adult medicaid enrollees; provided that the department of human services obtains maximum federal matching funds available and pursues all funding sources, including private grants, prior to expending any general fund appropriations. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HMS, WAM
HB 1824, HD1 (HSCR737-22) Status & Testimony	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. Appropriates funds to the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for ombudsman program specialist positions. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HMS, WAM
HB 1945, HD1 (HSCR858-22) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM. Requires the department of human services to establish a neighbor islands blind and visually impaired service pilot program that provides training and other services to blind or visually impaired individuals residing on the neighbor islands. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 06/30/2025. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HMS, WAM

HB 1883, HD1

(HSCR843-22)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Requires the exterior of the envelope containing the ballot package for elections by mail to include instructions on how to obtain language translation services in Hawaiian and certain other non-English languages. Applies to all elections beginning with the 2022 primary election. Effective 1/1/2222. (HD1)

HMS, JDC/WAM

HB 2424, HD1

(HSCR738-22)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Expands the investigative authority of the department of human services to include families with foster children with a pending adoption decree, foster children where an adoption decree has been issued but adoption has not yet taken place, children who are placed into legal guardianship and who receive permanency assistance payments, and adopted children who receive adoption assistance payments and against whom a complaint has been filed with the department of human services at any time, including any time prior to adoption or granting of legal guardianship. Requires the department of human services to analyze and report on the impact of expanding home visits to families receiving adoption assistance or legal guardianship assistance and make a report to the legislature five years after the start of the program. Appropriates funds for additional case worker and support staff positions and increased compensation for existing child welfare services case worker positions. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair