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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023
TIME: 11:30 A.M.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #2

[HB 870, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR349\)](#)
[Status](#)

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 the department of human services to establish a working group and submit an implementation plan to the legislature before the regular session of 2024. Requires the department to report to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2027. Appropriates funds. Repeals on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD1)

HUS, FIN



HB 1254, HD1 (HSCR704) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to establish homelessness coordinator positions on Maui, Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii island within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
HB 1366, HD1 (HSCR457) Status	<p>RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.</p> <p>Requires the department of human services to establish a three-year return-to-home pilot program to return homeless individuals in the State to families and relatives in their home states. Appropriates funds for the implementation of the return-to-home pilot program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HUS/HLT, FIN</p>
HB 224, HD2 (HSCR627) Status	<p>RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.</p> <p>Establishes the Hawaii public housing authority public housing tenant upward mobility pilot program. Permits the Hawaii public housing authority to contract with outside parties to implement the program. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HUS, HSG, FIN</p>
HB 339, HD2 (HSCR564) Status	<p>RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE FOR POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.</p> <p>Permanently exempts nine positions in the department of human services from civil service. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HUS, LGO, FIN</p>
HB 1368, HD1 (HSCR421) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.</p> <p>Makes various updates to the hospital sustainability program, including amending the definition of "private hospital"; clarifying the uses of the hospital sustainability program special fund; increasing various hospital sustainability fee caps; requiring DHS to consult and negotiate with the hospital trade association regarding fee participation and rates; clarifying when the hospital sustainability fee shall be discontinued and the distribution of remaining funds; repealing the sunset dates of Act 217, SLH 2012, and Act 123, SLH 2014, to make the program permanent and permanently exempting the program from the central service and administrative expenses assessments; and appropriating funds out of the special fund. Effective 06/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HUS/HLT, FIN</p>
HB 1369, HD1 (HSCR420) Status	<p>RELATING TO NURSING FACILITIES.</p> <p>Repeals the sunset dates of Act 156, SLH 2012, and Act 124, SLH 2014, to make the nursing sustainability program permanent and permanently exempt the program from the central service and administrative expenses assessments. Repeals the nursing facility tax. Appropriates funds from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HUS/HLT, FIN</p>
HB 450, HD1 (HSCR346) Status	<p>RELATING TO CHILD CARE.</p> <p>Requires the department of human services, when determining income eligibility for child care subsidies, to consider special circumstances, such as the retroactive payment of workers' compensation or temporary disability insurance benefits, that cause the monthly gross income of a parent, guardian, or other responsible party to exceed the eligible monthly gross income. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HUS, FIN</p>



HB 547, HD1 (HSCR198) Status	<p>RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE. Requires the department of human services to establish and implement a two-year infant and toddler child care worker subsidy pilot program to assist in retaining the existing child care workforce. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Sunsets 7/1/2025. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HUS, FIN
HB 261, HD1 (HSCR200) Status	<p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. Requires the department of human services to establish a child care accreditation program to assist licensed and registered child care providers obtain accreditation. Authorizes the use of the child care grant program special fund for child care accreditation program grants. Amends the time period for when existing preschool open doors service providers are required to obtain accreditation. Appropriates funds for the child care accreditation program, including for the establishment of one full-time position for the program. Appropriates funds into and out of the child care grant special fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HUS, FIN
HB 225, HD2 (HSCR353) Status	<p>RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Amends Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to give the department of human services flexibility in developing a comprehensive child welfare information system and extend the appropriation lapse date. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	HUS, FIN
HB 349, HD2 (HSCR529) Status	<p>RELATING TO CHILDREN. Expands the original jurisdiction of family court to include proceedings for declaration of emancipation of minors. Specifies the rights of an emancipated minor. Establishes procedures for the emancipation of minors. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	HUS, JHA, FIN
HB 222, HD2 (HSCR515) Status	<p>RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Adjusts the method by which the department of human services shall calculate payments to providers of medical care and long-term supports and services. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	HUS, FIN
HB 1356, HD1 (HSCR414) Status	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAID PATIENT CARE. Appropriates funds to provide enhanced payments to type I adult residential care homes and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes that are caring for medicaid patients. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HUS/HLT, FIN
HB 1357, HD1 (HSCR456) Status	<p>RELATING TO CARE HOMES. Appropriates funds for enhanced payments for each medicaid-eligible client cared for by certain care homes over the last fourteen years. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HUS/HLT, FIN
HB 439, HD1 (HSCR345) Status	<p>RELATING TO IMMIGRANT SERVICES. Establishes and appropriates funds for an immigrant services and access unit within the office of community services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HUS, FIN



HB 883, HD1 (HSCR418) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Appropriates funds to the department of health to operate mobile clinics providing medication-assisted treatment throughout the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	HUS/HLT, FIN
HB 314, HD1 (HSCR577) Status	RELATING TO FOOD BANKS. Appropriates funds to the office of community services for the purchase, storage, and transportation costs of food for distribution to those in need in accordance with the emergency food assistance program's methodology to determine allocations to each of the four counties. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD1)	HUS, FIN
HB 579, HD2 (HSCR534) Status	RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. Establishes the statewide human trafficking prevention program overseen by the department of the attorney general to provide services and assistance to commercially sexually exploited children and victims of human trafficking. Requires reports to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	HUS, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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