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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 64, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR838\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE.
Requires issuers of Medigap insurance in the State to accept an eligible individual's application for coverage at any time throughout the year and prohibits issuers from denying the applicant a Medigap policy or certificate or making any premium rate distinctions due to various reasons, including health status. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to amend or adopt rules accordingly. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

HLT, CPC, FIN

[SB 63, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR916\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO NURSES.
Allows the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits for six-month periods to registered nurses and practical nurses licensed in another jurisdiction under certain circumstances, and excepts from license requirements nurses who are licensed in another state, territory, or country accompanying a patient from out-of-state for a period of less than two weeks and not employed or affiliated with a health care facility in the State. Allows an out-of-state registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to simultaneously apply for a license to practice and a temporary permit, and in such circumstances, extends the validity of a temporary permit until the Board of Nursing approves the application to practice. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

HLT, CPC, FIN



SB 320, SD1 (SSCR879) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT.</p> <p>Establishes a working group to study the feasibility and effects of the State adopting the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
SB 668, SD2 (SSCR1065) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT.</p> <p>Allows the Governor to enter the State into the multi-state Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, which will allow a physical therapist licensed by a home state to practice under a multi-state licensure privilege in each party state. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Requires applicants for physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensure to submit a full set of electronic fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining federal and state criminal history record checks. Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to conduct criminal background checks on applicants for physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensure. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC</p>
SB 674, SD1 (SSCR913) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT.</p> <p>Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to create a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Appropriates funds for the implementation of the Compact. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
SB 164, SD2 (SSCR779) Status	<p>RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program for health care professionals. Requires funds to be expended in coordination with the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Requires matching funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
SB 599, SD1 (SSCR737) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Allows certain physician assistants to sign orders for respiratory therapy and plans of care. Expands the class of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
SB 693, SD1 (SSCR912) Status	<p>RELATING TO PHARMACISTS.</p> <p>Mandates reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists practicing within their scope of practice by private and public health plans in the State beginning January 1, 2024. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>



[SB 384, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR1101\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ACCESS FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

HLT, JHA, FIN

Authorizes each county to adopt ordinances to enforce the design, construction, and signage requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; part III of chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and any administrative rules adopted under that part, including the establishment of penalties for failure to comply with the ordinance. Clarifies that an official appointed by a county may enter property of places of public accommodation to enforce violations of the ordinances adopted by the county. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

[SB 612, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR1099\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS.

HLT, CPC, FIN

Requires that a disclaimer be provided by sellers or providers of emotional support animals or certificates, identifications, tags, vests, leashes, and harnesses identifying an animal as an emotional support animal that the animal is not a service animal. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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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.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

