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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2051

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RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY.
Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect data and submit to the Legislature a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the State prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026. Makes an appropriation.

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SB 3003

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM.
Repeals language that gives the Director of Finance discretion to use moneys in the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund if the Director elects to accept deposits from contributors instead of sending deposits directly to the ABLE program manager. Authorizes the Director of Finance to expend moneys in the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund to provide incentive payments to Hawaii public school ABLE account owners. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Budget and Finance to fund the incentive payments. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position within the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to provide statewide outreach, advocacy, and relationship management for the Hawaii ABLE savings program.

HHS, WAM

<p>SB 3290 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board and Department of Human Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language in Hawaii. Requires the Department of Health to assist the working group in the preparation of a report to submit to the Legislature.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2605 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services. Applies this coverage to health benefits plans under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Effective 1/1/2025.</p>	<p>HHS, CPN/WAM</p>
<p>SB 3011 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO NOISE. Makes it unlawful for any non-government entity or agent thereof to operate a weed whacker in or within one hundred feet of a residential zone, except between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on most days. Defines weed whacker.</p>	<p>HHS, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3279 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Establishes within the Office of Wellness and Resilience the State of Well-being Project to assess and enhance tier 1 and tier 2 mental health support services for all key stakeholder communities across the State. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3341 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO REUSABLES. Establishes the Upcycled Mobile Dishwashing System Pilot Program within the Department of Health. Requires a report to the Legislature. Establishes two full-time positions within the Department of Health. Declares the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2470 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH AGING PARTNERSHIP. Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Aging of the Department of Health for the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2471 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION. Appropriates funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign. Declares the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2473 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a refundable tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to report to the Legislature before the convening of each Regular Session.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

SB 3383

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RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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Requires the Executive Office on Aging to contract for a statewide assessment of the needs of the long-term care workforce for home and community-based service providers. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair