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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 2, 2024
TIME: 9:45 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1830](#)
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RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.
Establishes provisional or associate-level licensure requirements for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists and authorizes insurance reimbursements in certain circumstances. Requires psychologist license applicants to possess a doctoral degree and complete certain supervised experience requirements before sitting for the licensing examination. Authorizes insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern in certain circumstances. Appropriates funds. Parts II, III, IV, and V effective 7/1/2026.

HLT, CPC, FIN

[HB 1831](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION.
Establishes the behavioral health crisis center pilot program. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

HLT, CPC, FIN



<u>HB 2698</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO REHABILITATION. Requires the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county to provide care, diagnosis, or treatment for persons experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder crisis. Appropriates funds.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB 2451</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Authorizes examination of defendants via telehealth. Amends conditions for a defendant's release or examination of fitness to proceed. Authorizes the Department of Health to implement behavioral health crisis centers. Effective 7/1/2024.	HLT, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2159</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation and filing of petitions for assisted community treatment and with the presentation of the case, unless declined by the petitioner.	HLT, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2628</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO REHABILITATION. Requires the Judiciary, in consultation with other stakeholders, to submit monthly and annual reports to the Legislature on the effectiveness of agreements for post-booking jail diversion programs in the first circuit. Amends the criminal justice diversion program to enable examination of defendants via telehealth. Provides a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment. Authorizes courts to require certain probation violators to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation.	HLT, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2521</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. Repeals paragraph (3) of section 802-1(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which entitles the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB 2800</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Beginning 7/1/2025, and occurring every ten years thereafter, requires the Department of Health to convene an Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB 1954</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT. Permanently establishes and appropriates moneys for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Declares that the appropriations exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	HLT, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1324</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires all health insurers in the state, including medicaid managed care programs, to cover annual mental health wellness examinations.	HLT, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

