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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #3

HB 1427, HD1 (HSCR633) Status	RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, AGR, FIN
HB 1389, HD1 (HSCR450) Status	RELATING TO FERAL ANIMALS. Appropriates funds to the City and County of Honolulu for the expansion of the feral chicken program and the Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health for a statewide education campaign for the feeding of feral animals. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, FIN



<u>HB 237, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR444)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS. Appropriates funds for the Family Health Services Division of the Department of Health to establish and oversee peer-to-peer support programs for children from birth to age five and their families, including the establishment of program specialist positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT/HSB, FIN
<u>HB 72, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR529)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PHARMACY. Beginning 1/1/2026, requires pharmacy technicians to be registered. Imposes a duty on pharmacists-in-charge to report violations conducted by registered pharmacy technicians. Specifies that supervising registered pharmacists are responsible for the actions of registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 714, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR751)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce, including health care certificate programs and classroom renovations for health care training in public high schools and education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, EDN/ECD, FIN
<u>HB 213, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR323)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. Appropriates funds for the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, FIN
<u>HB 303, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR501)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTHCARE PRECEPTORS. Expands the definitions of "preceptor" and "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation" to improve accessibility for providers to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors, including removing "primary care" from the criteria to qualify as a preceptor. Adds dietitians, physician assistants, and social workers to the list of preceptors and eligible students. Expands eligibility for the tax credit to include accredited residency programs that require preceptor support. Adds the Director of Health and residency programs with eligible students to the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HLT, ECD, FIN
<u>HB 474, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR324)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to fund one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) fall prevention and early detection coordinator position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, FIN
<u>HB 700, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR511)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS. Establishes a Cognitive Assessments for Medicare Beneficiaries Pilot Program within the Executive Office on Aging. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to collaborate with a health care system for the pilot program, health care providers participating in the pilot program to submit certain information to the Executive Office on Aging, and the Executive Office on Aging to report de-identified aggregated data to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT/HSB, FIN



HB 952, HD1 (HSCR577) Status	<p>RELATING TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.</p> <p>Establishes the Parkinson's Disease Research Collection Database to be administered by the Department of Health, to house a collection of data on the incidence of Parkinson's disease in the State. Establishes the Parkinson's Disease Research Collection Database Advisory Committee. Requires the Department to create a Parkinson's disease research collection database webpage by 1/1/2026, and submit annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
HB 139, HD2 (HSCR526) Status	<p>RELATING TO INSURANCE.</p> <p>For policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after 12/31/2025, requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services for persons undergoing medically necessary treatment that may cause iatrogenic infertility. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 1300, HD1 (HSCR611) Status	<p>RELATING TO CANCER.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu. Requires the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to seek federal funding to complete the study. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, HED, FIN</p>
HB 341, HD1 (HSCR328) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.</p> <p>Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaii Island Community Health Center to purchase or lease land on the island of Hawaii and develop primary care health care facilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
HB 784, HD1 (HSCR326) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Makes an appropriation for the operation of an additional ambulance for the island of Hawaii to be based in Makalei. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
HB 1179, HD1 (HSCR670) Status	<p>RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.</p> <p>Creates a framework for the licensure of rural emergency hospitals by the Department of Health. Provides for the continuation of Medicaid policy protections for hospitals transitioning to a rural emergency hospital designation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 716, HD1 (HSCR249) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Establishes the Health Infrastructure Grant Program within the Department of Health, to be administered by the State Health Planning and Development Agency, to support health information technology infrastructure and the implementation of interoperable health information technologies in federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program centers, and Native Hawaiian health centers. Appropriates funds for the grant program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>



HB 250, HD2 (HSCR671) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Requires utilization review entities to submit data relating to the prior authorization of health care services to the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Establishes timelines for the approval of prior authorization requests for urgent and non-urgent health care services. Establishes the Health Care Appropriateness and Necessity Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 1431, HD1 (HSCR793) Status	<p>RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH.</p> <p>Establishes an Oral Health Task Force to review the status of oral health in the State and make recommendations to improve the State's oral health infrastructure. Establishes one full-time equivalent program specialist V position. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
HB 1462, HD1 (HSCR510) Status	<p>RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES.</p> <p>Expands the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to include at least two sites on the island of Oahu, including one program in an area with a disproportionate number of individuals with mental health conditions, substance use disorders, or homelessness. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HSB, FIN</p>
HB 441, HD2 (HSCR470) Status	<p>RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES.</p> <p>Beginning 7/1/2025, amends the cigarette tax and amends the cigarette tax disposition of revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, HED, FIN</p>
HB 756, HD2 (HSCR553) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Prohibits the sale of flavored nicotine products and nicotine product flavor enhancers and the mislabeling of e-liquids as nicotine free. Establishes penalties for violations. Authorizes the Department of Health to appoint, commission, or contract for services of inspectors. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC/JHA, FIN</p>

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
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