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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025  
TIME: 12:00 p.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #2

[HB 1099, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR263\)](#)  
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MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

HSH, FIN

Provides an emergency appropriation for fifty per cent of the penalty assessed by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to be reinvested in the continued development of a new eligibility system that will assist in reducing the State's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payment error rate, which, if successful, may result in the State not being required to pay the remaining fifty per cent of the penalty. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.



<a href="#">HB 1477, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR266)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES. Clarifies that the monthly needs allowance afforded to individuals living in certain long-term care facilities is not intended to replace or affect funds received as a state supplemental payment for domiciliary care and shall be supplemental to any funds provided to a recipient as a state supplemental payment for domiciliary care. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 244, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR523)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the department of human services to collaborate with contracted community-based organizations to address the need for social services in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 713, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR259)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to conduct a rate study for Medicaid home health services in Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 702, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR258)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Appropriates funds to increase the funding for Medicaid in-home services, conditioned on the Department of Human Services obtaining the maximum federal matching funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1349, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR413)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO MEDICAID. Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to authorize Medicaid coverage through the Children's Health Insurance Program to income-qualified pregnant persons and children regardless of immigration status. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 705, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR415)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING. Establishes a temporary Medi-Medi Project within the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program administered by the Executive Office on Aging to assist older adults, Medicare beneficiaries, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations who may qualify for various low-income subsidy programs to gain access to their benefits. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 701, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR333)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a Family Caregiver Tax Credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Aging to certify claims for the credit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 692, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR257)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM. Expands the Preschool Open Doors Program's eligibility criteria. Repeals the requirement that Preschool Open Doors Program providers be accredited. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 880, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR540)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EARLY CHILD INTERVENTION. Appropriates funds for the establishment of new positions within the Early Childhood Services Unit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, LAB, FIN



<a href="#"><u>HB 900, HD2</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR623)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Establishes a working group for legal services for youth in the child welfare system within the Judiciary. Appropriates funds for the working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1382, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR264)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to contract with a non-profit specializing in domestic violence to provide training and staff to be housed on-site in Child Welfare Services Branch offices to support all aspects of screening for and addressing domestic violence within a case. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1079, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR260)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. Directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to, either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services Branch staff. Appropriates funds for the program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 613, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR524)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH. Makes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program permanent within the Office of Youth Services. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 943, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR650)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Health to expand existing crisis intervention programs by establishing a homeless triage and treatment center program to serve homeless individuals and individuals at risk of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 212, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR433)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to establish a permanent Return-to-Home Program to return homeless individuals in the State to families and relatives in their home states. Requires the Office to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 703, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR519)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING. Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 431, HD2</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR765)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Appropriates funds for the continued operation of the Kauhale Initiative and authorizes those funds to be used for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Establishes and appropriates funds into and out of the Supportive Housing Special Fund. Effective 6/29/3000. (HD2)	HSH, HSG, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 280, HD2</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR622)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT. Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita  
Chair

