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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

HB 139, HD2

(HSCR901)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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)

HHS, CPN/WAM

HB 1379, HD2

(HSCR1041)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO HEALTH.

Allows a pathway for foreign medical school graduates to be licensed as physicians that was previously only available to graduates who passed the qualifying examination of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates before 1984. Establishes an alternative pathway for the licensure as physicians for foreign medical graduates who passed certain examinations, possess an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and have completed two years of post-graduate medical training. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS, CPN

HB 613, HD1

(HSCR963)

Status &
Testimony

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)

HHS, WAM

HB 1349, HD1

(HSCR972)

Status &
Testimony

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)~~

HHS, WAM

**[Measure deleted
on 03-17-25]**

HB 701, HD3

(HSCR1020)

Status &
Testimony

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. (HD3)

HHS, WAM

HB 716, HD1

(HSCR953)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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)

HHS, WAM

HB 799, HD2

(HSCR1048)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Clarifies that a physician may practice at an organized ambulatory health care facility even if the physician does not have hospital privileges at a licensed hospital in the same geographic location as the ambulatory facility. Provides that a written transfer agreement is not required to transfer a patient from an organized ambulatory health care facility to a licensed hospital. Applies to counties with populations of less than five hundred thousand. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS, CPN

HB 1179, HD1

(HSCR956)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.

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)

HHS, CPN/WAM

HB 951, HD2

(HSCR1042)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Allows a patient who has been seen in person by a health care provider who is in the same medical group as the prescribing physician to be prescribed an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS, CPN

HB 1120, HD2

(HSCR1055)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO NUISANCES.

Clarifies that the Department of Health has the legal authority and obligation to prevent and address nuisances that affect public health or environmental health, or both. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS, JDC

HB 952, HD1

(HSCR906)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.

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)

HHS, WAM

HB 1099, HD1

(HSCR971)

Status &
Testimony

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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.

HHS, WAM

HB 943, HD1

(HSCR1105)

Status &
Testimony

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)

HHS, WAM

HB 359, HD2

(HSCR1069)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO COVERED OFFENDER REGISTRATION.

Amends covered offender registration laws by expanding the definition of "sexual offense" to include additional sexual offenses from the Penal Code. Provides that the exception to public access requirements for misdemeanors does not apply when the covered offense was committed against a minor. Requires a person who is required to report every year under the covered offender registration requirements to report during the thirty-day period following the offender's birthday, rather than from the offender's actual date of birth. Specifies how certain covered offenses are to be tiered for purposes of seeking termination of registration requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS, JDC

**[Measure added
on 03-14-25]**

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair