

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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**MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
TIME: 9:34AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: CPN

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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A G E N D A

[SB 463](#)

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RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.  
Beginning 1/1/2026, requires kratom products to be registered with the Department of Health and imposes labeling requirements.

CPN/HHS,  
JDC/WAM

[SB 953](#)

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RELATING TO HOSPITALS.  
Establishes the State's Hospital Price Transparency Act. Prohibits hospitals from taking certain debt collection actions against a patient if the hospital is not in compliance with hospital price transparency laws. Allows patients and patient guarantors to file suit against hospitals in violation. Requires hospitals to make public and post their Medicare reimbursement rates no later than 10/1/25 and deems violations as an unfair and deceptive act or practice. Requires the Department of Health to conduct performance assessments of hospitals for adherence to federal transparency rules annually and make a list of hospitals with poor performance available on its website no later than 2/1/2026. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules.

HHS/CPN, JDC

[SB 1040](#)  
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RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.  
Requires the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop, implement, and administer a Medical Debt Acquisition and Forgiveness Program to acquire and forgive medical debt owed by certain households in the State. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2026.

HHS/CPN, WAM

[SB 1064](#)  
[Status &](#)  
[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.  
Prohibits persons from operating a medical cannabis dispensary or producing, manufacturing, or selling cannabis products without a license from the Department of Health. Prohibits individuals from providing certain services to individuals engaging in unlicensed cannabis operations. Requires the Department of Health to send a cease and desist notice to violators. Establishes criminal penalties.

HHS/CPN,  
JDC/WAM

**Decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.**

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