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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: HHS

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A G E N D A

[HB 256, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR1050\)](#)

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RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Requires an owner or operator of a waste-to-energy facility to comply with certain United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations for emission limitations as they existed on December 31, 2024, unless emission limitations are made more stringent by federal regulations or by the state air pollution control permit issued to that owner or operator by the Department of Health. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HHS/AEN, CPN

[HB 734, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR881\)](#)

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RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.

Requires the Department of Health, in consultation with various agencies and professionals, to review rules and practices and propose changes that have the potential to make wastewater systems and cesspool upgrades more affordable without compromising water quality. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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[HB 735, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR882\)](#)

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RELATING TO WASTEWATER.

Allows an individual wastewater system to serve up to five bedrooms, regardless of the number of dwellings, dwelling units, or accessory units, whether attached or detached, with certain exclusions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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<p><a href="#"><u>HB 879, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR888)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS.  Increases the maximum grant amount for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 918, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1058)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO LABELING.  Establishes labeling requirements for certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, CPN</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1427, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR959)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 750, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR885)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.  Amends the authorized uses of the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund. Requires the Department of Health to conduct a statewide needs assessment to determine what will be needed to reduce waste generation, increase reuse, improve recycling collection services, and expand local processing of materials through an extended producer responsibility program for packaging materials and paper products. Establishes an advisory council to review the draft needs assessment and propose recommendations throughout the assessment process. Requires the Department of Health to hold a public hearing on the draft needs assessment and complete and submit the needs assessment to the Legislature by 12/31/2028. Appropriates funds out of the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair

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