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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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A G E N D A

<b><a href="#">SB 850</a></b> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY. Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect data and submit to the Legislature a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the State prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027. Appropriates funds.	HHS, WAM
<b><a href="#">SB 838</a></b> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires all health insurers in the State, including Medicaid managed care programs, to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors and related supplies under certain conditions. Applies to insurance policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after 12/31/2025.	HHS, CPN
<b><a href="#">SB 836</a></b> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS. Establishes a Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group within the Department of Health to assess the feasibility of allowing business owners in the State to utilize filtered water collected by water catchment systems for business activities. Requires the Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2027 and dissolve on 6/30/2027.	HHS, WAM

<p><b><a href="#">SB 829</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.          Authorizes physicians to practice at organized ambulatory health care facilities 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.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 446</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.          Prohibits landfills in no pass zones, which are areas determined by the county where the installation of a waste disposal facility may contaminate groundwater. Requires counties to identify no pass zones in county integrated solid waste management plans.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 339</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO NEEDS ALLOWANCE.          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.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 556</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>HHS, CPN/WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 851</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE.          Authorizes emergency medical technicians in the State to administer buprenorphine after the administration of an opioid antagonist during an opioid-related drug overdose response. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules, allocate resources for EMT training, and coordinate with emergency medical services providers in the State, to incorporate the administration of buprenorphine after the administration of an opioid antagonist as a standard component of emergency medical services' protocols during an opioid-related drug overdose response.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 1042</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.          Establishes and appropriates moneys for a mental health emerging therapies special fund, to be administered by the Department of Health. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB1504</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CESSPOOLS          Extends the sunset date of the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project to an unspecified date. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair