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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, March 12, 2025
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 212, HD2 (HSCR1018) Status & Testimony	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. (HD2)	HHS, WAM
HB 213, HD1 (HSCR949) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. Appropriates funds for the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HHS, WAM
HB 239, HD1 (HSCR1051) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE. Amends the definition of "child abuse or neglect" by clarifying that the failure to provide certain needs to a child shall not constitute child abuse or neglect if the sole reason the person responsible for the care of the child is unable to adequately provide for the child's care is due to a lack of financial resources. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HHS, JDC
HB 244, HD1 (HSCR961) Status & Testimony	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)	HHS, WAM

<p>HB 320, HD2 (HSCR1052) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENTS. Allows qualified adults, including adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and adults sixty-five years of age or older, to enter into supported decision-making agreements with one or more members of a supportive community. Specifies the terms of a supported decision-making agreement, including access to personal information, agreement requirements, and circumstances for termination. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, JDC</p>
<p>HB 474, HD2 (HSCR1012) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to fund an unspecified number of full-time equivalent fall prevention and early detection coordinator positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>HB 784, HD1 (HSCR955) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Makes an appropriation for the operation of an additional ambulance for the island of Hawaii to be based in Makalei. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair