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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday February 1, 2008

TIME:

8 a.m.

PLACE: Confe

Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 2520

RELATING TO CAREGIVERS.

HLT/HSH, LAB,

CPC, FIN

Amends the temporary disability insurance law to permit an eligible employee to collect up to 4 weeks of temporary disability insurance

benefit payments to care for a family member with a qualifying

disability. Effective 07/01/09.

HB 2881

RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE.

HLT/HSH, HED,

Appropriates funds to continue operations and services for the

perinatal clinic within the department of human services.

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HB 2519

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

HLT, HED, FIN

Establishes the Hawaii Health Corps Program to provide student loans and physician and dentist stipends, and makes the enterprise zone business tax credit and general excise tax exemption available to physicians and dentists who practice in those enterprise zones. Requires participants in the Hawaii Health Corps Program to serve as first responders in times of civil defense or other emergencies declared

by the governor.

<u>HB 2208</u>	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the employer contribution share of retirement	HLT, LAB, FIN
	funds for emergency medical services employees in the county of Hawaii.	•
<u>HB 2224</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Requires insurers that offer health care coverage to the regular employees of any group or association to offer the same coverage to part-time employees working at least 15 hours per week; insurance commissioner to report on Act's cost-benefit to the 2010 legislature; sunsets July 1, 2010.	HLT, EDB, CPC
НВ 2291	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Establishes the state health authority to propose a plan to provide medical assistance for all citizens of Hawaii.	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3105</u>	RELATING TO OSTEOPATHY. Includes doctors of osteopathy in the medical doctors chapter (chapter 453) so that the Board of Medical Examiners may treat medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy in the same manner; repeals osteopathy chapter (chapter 460).	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2393</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes loan repayment program for University of Hawaii medical school graduates working in rural areas of the State.	HLT, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2414</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Provides a good Samaritan exemption from civil damages for physicians practicing medicine in health professional shortage areas and rural areas of the state.	HLT, JUD/CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2445</u>	RELATING TO ADVERTISING BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DISCLOSURE OF CLINICAL TRIALS.	HLT, CPC/JUD, FIN
	Requires prescription drug ads to meet federal standards, public disclosure of clinical trial information, and drug manufacturers to pay fees to department of health to fund a public education initiative on clinical trials and drug safety. Establishes special fund.	
HB 3095	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Improves the Insurance Commissioner's ability to protect consumers from improper transactions between health insurance companies and their affiliates by authorizing the Commissioner to monitor the relationships and transactions between these companies and their affiliates.	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3148</u>	RELATING TO CONDITIONAL RELEASE Provide statutory guidance and clarification on the seventy-two (72) hour hold and extended hold process, especially as it relates to patients under Conditional Release (CR) from the State Hospital or related facility.	HLT, JUD, FIN

HB 3387

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

HLT, PSM, FIN

Appropriates funds for the Department of Defense in cooperation with the Department of Health to begin necessary preparations to establish a

mobile emergency hospital unit in Hawaii as a shared resource between the Department of Defense and the Department of Health, based on the known need for a comprehensive natural and man-made

disaster response plan.

HB 2675

RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

HLT, PSM/JUD

Authorizes the use of a written certification or its equivalent issued by another state government to permit the medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient in place of a certificate provided by the Department

of Public Safety.

HB 2678

RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

HLT, PSM/JUD,

FIN

Authorizes the establishment of a secure growing facility for the production of medical marijuana for not more than fourteen qualified

patients.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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