THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

TIME: 2:40pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Monday, March 16, 2009)

HB 710, HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH. HTH, WAM

<u>Testimony</u> Exempts long-term care facilities from the certificate of need process.

HB 808 RELATING TO HEALTH. HTH, CPN

<u>Testimony</u> Makes amendments to clarify the support and expansion of new

technology in the use of telemedicine; clarifies that telehealth is within

the scope of a physician's practice.

HB 811, HD2 RELATING TO REGISTERED NURSES. HTH, CPN

<u>Testimony</u> Removes, for a foreign nursing school graduate applying for licensure

by examination for registered nurses in Hawaii, the requirement to obtain certification from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools. Requires the Board of Nursing to adopt rules requiring submission of the Breakdown of Educational Program for International Nursing Programs form and a certified school transcript.

(HB811 HD2)

HB 814, HD2 RELATING TO NURSE AIDES. HTH, CPN

Testimony Specifies the renewal period for the recertification of nurse aides and

the number of continuing education hours for their recertification.

Effective 07/01/2020. (HB814 HD2)

HB 895, HD2 RELATING TO TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS OTHER THAN HTH, WAM

Testimony CIGARETTES.

Increases the tobacco tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes from 40 percent to 80 percent of the wholesale price and deposits an unspecified percentage of the proceeds collected into the Community

Health Centers Special Fund. (HB895 HD2)

HB 896, HD1 RELATING TO TOBACCO. HTH, WAM

Testimony Makes permanent the retail tobacco permit law. (HB896 HD1)

RELATING TO TAXATION. HB 1175, HD3 HTH, WAM Testimony Increases the cigarette tax from 10 cents per cigarette to 20 cents per cigarette beginning July 1, 2009. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1175 HD3) HB 1372 RELATING TO THE TRANSITIONING OF THE REGIONS AND HTH, WAM Testimony FACILITIES OF HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Authorizes a facility or regional health care system under the Hawaii health systems corporation to transition into a new legal entity, including a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, municipal facility, or public benefit corporation. HB 1537, HD1 RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. HTH, JGO <u>Testimony</u> Specifies that any person who provides for an automated external defibrillator training program is generally immune from vicarious civil liability resulting from any act or omission of a Good Samaritan attempting to use the device to resuscitate a person. (HB1537 HD1)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6230.