

THE SENATE  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: CPN

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

**SB 375**

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RELATING TO CANNABIS.

Legalizes, regulates, and taxes cannabis and manufactured cannabis products for responsible, adult use. Exempts sales of cannabis and manufactured cannabis products for medical use from the general excise tax. Clarifies that qualifying out-of-state patients have the same rights and privileges under the medical cannabis law. Allows qualifying out-of-state patients to cultivate medical cannabis.

HHS/CPN,  
JDC/WAM

**SB 975**

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RELATING TO HEALTH.

Establishes the criminal offense of unlawful shipment of tobacco products. Amends the definition of "tobacco products" under the Cigarette Tax and Tobacco Tax Law to include electronic smoking devices and e-liquids. Increases the license fee for persons engaged as wholesalers or dealers of cigarettes and tobacco products and the retail tobacco permit fee for retailers engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Repeals state laws that establish and govern the Electronic Smoking Device Retailer Registration Unit within the Department of the Attorney General; provisions of the Cigarette Tax and Tobacco Tax Law that govern delivery sales; and state law governing smoking that preempts and voids local ordinances and regulations conflicting with state law. Effective January 1, 2024.

HHS/CPN,  
WAM/JDC

**SB 962**

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RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

Amends the dispensary program licensing fee structure. Adds or clarifies signage, manufactured cannabis product, packaging, escort, and background check requirements for the medical cannabis dispensary program. Establishes annual reporting requirements to increase public transparency regarding the medical cannabis registry program. Makes various housekeeping amendments.

HHS/CPN,  
JDC/WAM  
**[Measure added  
on 02/10/23]**

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair

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