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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: Monday, March 20, 2023  
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

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S OFFICE OF HHS  
LANGUAGE ACCESS TO ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN SIGN  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WORKFORCE WORKING  
GROUP TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN SIGN  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN THE STATE.

[HB 218, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR1048\)](#)  
[Status &  
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RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. HHS, CPN  
Requires certain pharmacies to provide accessible prescription  
drug label information to individuals who have difficulty seeing or  
reading prescription drug container labels and inform the public  
that prescription drug label information is available in alternate  
accessible formats for individuals who have difficulty seeing or  
reading prescription drug container labels. Requires the board  
of pharmacy to adopt certain rules by 12/31/2025. Effective  
6/30/3000. (HD2)

[HB 834, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR846\)](#)  
[Status &  
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RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. HHS, JDC  
Recognizes American Sign Language as a fully developed,  
autonomous, natural language with its own grammar, syntax,  
vocabulary, and cultural heritage. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 870, HD2</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR1118)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM.<br/> Requires the department of human services to establish a neighbor islands blind and visually impaired service pilot program that provides training and other services to blind or visually impaired individuals residing on the neighbor islands. Requires the department of human services to establish a working group and submit an implementation plan to the legislature before the regular session of 2024. Requires the department to report to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2027. Appropriates funds. Repeals on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD2)</p>                        | <p>HHS, WAM</p>     |
| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 883, HD1</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR960)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>   | <p>RELATING TO HEALTH.<br/> Appropriates funds to the department of health to operate mobile clinics providing medication-assisted treatment throughout the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>  | <p>HHS, WAM</p>     |
| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 1263, HD2</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR1099)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM.<br/> Authorizes the director of finance to use funds deposited into the Hawaii ABLE savings program trust fund for any expenses incurred in developing and administering the Hawaii ABLE savings program. Establishes a position within the state council on developmental disabilities of the department of health to support the Hawaii ABLE savings program. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>   | <p>HHS, WAM</p>     |
| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 1486, HD1</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR1038)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM.<br/> Appropriates funds to the department of health for the kupuna care program within the executive office on aging. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>   | <p>HHS, WAM</p>     |
| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 261, HD1</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR952)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>   | <p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.<br/> Requires the department of human services to establish a child care accreditation program to assist licensed and registered child care providers obtain accreditation. Authorizes the use of the child care grant program special fund for child care accreditation program grants. Amends the time period for when existing preschool open doors service providers are required to obtain accreditation. Appropriates funds for the child care accreditation program, including for the establishment of one full-time position for the program. Appropriates funds into and out of the child care grant special fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p> | <p>HHS, WAM</p>     |
| <p><a href="#"><b>HB 622, HD2</b></a><br/> <a href="#">(HSCR1182)</a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION.<br/> Makes permanent the prevent suicide Hawaii task force within the department of health. Requires the task force to focus on reducing the suicide rate among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the State. Requires reports to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>  | <p>HHS, JDC/WAM</p> |

[HB 950, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR992\)](#)  
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RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT  
ORDERS.

HHS, JDC

Extends the time period that a family court may order continued assisted community treatment. Reduces the time period that a family court needs to determine whether assisted community treatment should continue. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair