

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: JDC

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RELATING TO CANNABIS

Establishes the Hawai'i Cannabis and Hemp Office within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to regulate all aspects of the cannabis plant. Beginning 1/1/2026, legalizes the personal adult use of cannabis. Establishes taxes on the retail sale of adult-use cannabis and the sale of medical cannabis. Adds new traffic offenses relating to the consumption or possession of marijuana or marijuana concentrate. Makes conforming amendments related to the legalization of personal adult use of cannabis. Beginning 1/1/2026, decriminalizes certain drug offenses related to marijuana and marijuana concentrate. Transfers the personnel and assets of the Department of Health and assets of the Department of Agriculture relating to cannabis to the Hawai'i Cannabis and Hemp Office. Establishes various positions within state entities to regulate the personal adult use of cannabis. Appropriates funds.

HHS/JDC,  
CPN/WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair

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