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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2026  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #1

[HB 816, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR327\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE.  
Authorizes emergency medical technicians in the State to administer buprenorphine after the administration of an opioid antagonist during an opioid-related drug overdose response. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules that incorporate standard protocols associated with opioid-related drug overdoses and buprenorphine administration, allocate resources for EMT training, and coordinate with emergency medical services providers in the State regarding the administration of buprenorphine. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HLT, FIN

[HB 1535, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR354-26\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.  
Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of automated external defibrillator devices by certain places of public accommodation located in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HLT, FIN



<a href="#">HB 1537, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR306-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations to provide preventive and early intervention mental health services to adolescents within the community. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HS, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1541, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR647-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.</p> <p>Exempts certain positions in the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health and Hawaii State Hospital from civil service. Authorizes the Director of Health to appoint two additional associate administrators and two project managers for the Hawaii State Hospital or a secure psychiatric rehabilitation facility. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, LAB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1562, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR304-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.</p> <p>Establishes and appropriates funds for a one-year Digital Youth Mental Health Platform Pilot Project that will enable the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to develop and make publicly available a digital platform designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HS, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1574, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR344-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.</p> <p>Requires a participant in the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program to remain and work in the State for a certain number of years based on the amount of financial assistance received. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1591, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR364-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>Expands the definitions of "preceptor" and "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation" applicable to the Healthcare Preceptor Tax Credit to improve accessibility for providers to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors, including removing "primary care" from the criteria to qualify as a preceptor. Adds physician assistants, dietitians, and social workers to the list of preceptors and eligible students. Expands eligibility for the tax credit to include accredited residency programs that require preceptor support. Adds the Director of Health and representatives of residency programs with eligible students to the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1853, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR342-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO DEMENTIA.</p> <p>Establishes the Hanai Memory Network Program within the Executive Office on Aging to create a network of dementia care specialists and support systems to assist individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HS, FIN</p>



<a href="#">HB 1854, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR350-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS. Establishes the Community Behavioral Health Clinics Certifying Office to certify community behavioral health clinics and provide technical assistance for clinics seeking certification. Establishes the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Oversight Board. Amends the composition of the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances and State Council on Mental Health to include a member from the Community Behavioral Health Clinics Certifying Office. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1871, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR362-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program within the Department of Health to offer eligible participants improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1965, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR669-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE. Establishes the Primary Care Providers Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to address issues relating to, and develop recommendations for the stabilization of, primary care services in Hawaii. Requires the Working Group to make a report to the Legislature. Sunsets the Working Group on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HSB, CPC, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1966, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR346-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL FUND. Amends the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund by authorizing the deposit of revenues from billable emergency medical services. Amends the composition, allowable uses, and establishes a cap on the special fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1969, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR691-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal screenings for certain persons. Requires coverage to include a follow-up colonoscopy after a positive test result. Specifies that coverage is not subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT/HSB, CPC, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1973, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR343-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes within the Department of Health a one-year KupunAloha pilot program to provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants who do not otherwise qualify for government assistance for these services. Appropriates funds for the program. Pilot program sunsets 6/30/27. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HSB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1974, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR341-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires and appropriates funds for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop and publish a state plan on hearing loss. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/HSB, FIN</p>



<a href="#">HB 2315, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR650-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Health to establish a vacation payout pilot program in which eligible Department of Health employees may defer unused vacation leave credits in favor of a pay out to provide home purchase down payment assistance. Requires reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2029. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, LAB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2343, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR532-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO VETERANS.</p> <p>Repeals the specific deadline by which the Maui State Veterans Home must be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation. Requires the transfer of the Maui State Veterans Home to be completed as soon as practicable. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, PBS, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2501, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR475-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>Requires hospitals and hospital systems to submit annual certified reports regarding costs associated with Medicare and uninsured patients to the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency. Requires the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency to review the reports, establish standards and procedures, and adopt rules. Requires the Department of Health to consider the reports when determining the department's budget request and designate financial assistance requests in an equitable way. Requires the Office of the Auditor to conduct periodic audits of the financial assistance distributed to hospitals and hospital systems. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT/CPC, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2505, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR731-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT.</p> <p>Clarifies that community mental health outpatient programs that have agreed to provide mental health services to a defendant as part of an assisted community treatment order may prepare a certificate for assisted community treatment and provide the certificate to a defendant and may file an assisted community treatment petition with the Family Court. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1577, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR313-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO 911 SERVICES.</p> <p>Requires the 911 Board to establish a Statewide Emergency Safety Profile System Pilot Program and convene a working group. Requires report to the Legislature. Repeals on 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>PBS, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2443, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR190-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO DISASTER SERVICES.</p> <p>Integrates the needs of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. Establishes a Disability Integration Specialist position, to be located in the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, who shall provide programming support for disability community projects that promote accessibility, inclusion, and equity in disaster management. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>PBS, FIN</p>



<a href="#">HB 2498, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR521-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO CARE HOMES. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to establish a Central Oahu Care Home Community Resilience Pilot Program to assist eligible care home facilities to implement structural and operational resilience improvements. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. Sunsets on 6/30/2031. (HD2)	PBS, HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2581, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR746-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	PBS, JHA, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2622, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR192-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to increase access to bilingual resources and services for residents with limited English proficiency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	PBS, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Chris Todd  
Chair

