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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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A G E N D A

SB 2175

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RELATING TO DISPOSABLE ELECTRONIC SMOKING
DEVICES.

Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits selling, offering for sale, or
distributing certain disposable electronic smoking devices.

HHS/CPN, JDC

SB 2410

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RELATING TO HEALTH.

Requires electronic smoking device and e-liquid manufacturers
to certify to the Department of Attorney General annually that
the manufacturer received a Marketing Granted Order from the
federal Food and Drug Administration and that the manufacturer
is in compliance with federal regulations and state laws.
Requires the Department to compile and make public a directory
of all electronic smoking device and e-liquid manufacturers and
products duly certified. Establishes penalties for manufacturers
that fail to comply with the certification requirements and for
other parties that sell products that are not in the directory.

HHS/CPN,
JDC/WAM

SB 2080

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RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT.

Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Effective 1/1/2027.

HHS/CPN,
WAM/JDC

SB 2276

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RELATING TO SURGICAL ASSISTANTS.

Requires the Hawaii Medical Board to require each person practicing medicine or podiatric medicine as a surgical assistant in the State to be licensed as a surgical assistant. Establishes exceptions. Requires the Hawaii Medical Board by rule to establish the application procedure, medical educational and training standards, examination requirements, if any, for surgical assistant licensure and degrees of supervision for surgical assistants. Establishes the Surgical Assistant Advisory Committee. Expands the services eligible for Medicaid Prospective Payment System reimbursement to include certain services furnished by a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic and provided by surgical assistants.

HHS/CPN,
JDC/WAM

SB 2277

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RELATING TO HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

Requires each hospital in the State to comply with federal hospital price transparency requirements. Requires the Department of Health to monitor and enforce compliance. Establishes a process for patients to challenge debt collection actions filed by a noncompliant hospitals. Requires the Department of Health to publish a list of any enforcement actions taken against noncompliant hospitals. Requires hospitals to provide patients with an easy-to-understand itemized bill statement before initiating a debt collection action against a patient.

HHS/CPN,
JDC/WAM

SB 2282

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RELATING TO INSURER PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

Establishes the Prior Authorization Committee to specify medical conditions for which prior authorization by the insurer for treatment is not required for health insurance coverage. Requires health plan insurers to align their prior authorization processes for other conditions with Medicare policies.

HHS/CPN, WAM

SB 2413

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RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

Authorizes dispensaries to sell viable cannabis seeds to qualifying patients or their primary caregivers; provided that no more than 10 seeds per month may be purchased by, or on behalf of the qualifying patient. Requires the Department of Health to adopt any necessary rules.

HHS/CPN,
JDC/WAM

SB 2425

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RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

HHS/CPN, JDC

Requires health insurance carriers to honor a patient's written assignment of benefits to a substance use disorder treatment provider. Prohibits health insurance contracts from including anti-assignment clauses that restrict or invalidate a patient's right to assign benefits. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules and take enforcement action to ensure compliance. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to publish an annual summary. Allows providers to bring civil actions to compel payment and obtain injunctive relief, damages, interest, and attorneys' fees for violations. Deems violations to be unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Requires insurers to furnish an explanation of benefits to the assigned provider upon request.

SB 2491

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RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

HHS/CPN,
JDC/WAM

Establishes a broad definition of "qualified health care provider" in numerous areas of existing law. Clarifies and standardizes references to specific health care providers. Updates outdated language to reflect correct terminology. Makes numerous clarifying and conforming amendments to support these changes, including but not limited to chapters related to health, education, insurance, professions and vocations, the pain patient's bill of rights, the Uniform Probate Code, minors, the Child Protective Act, and the Penal Code. Repeals the obsolete Hawaii Health Corps.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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