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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: HHS

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A G E N D A

HB 1541, HD2 (HSCR855-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. 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)	HHS/LBT, WAM
HB 2315, HD1 (HSCR842-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. 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)	HHS/LBT, WAM
HB 1782, HD3 (HSCR1118-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS. Establishes safeguards, protections, oversight, and penalties for interactions between minors and artificial intelligence companion systems or conversational artificial intelligence services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	LBT/HHS, CPN/JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair

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