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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026  
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

**SB 3132**

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RELATING TO SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE.  
Requires hospitals with emergency departments that are licensed in Hawaii to submit syndromic surveillance data to the Department of Health. Authorizes the Department of Health, as needed, to establish by administrative rules a syndromic surveillance system under state jurisdiction that is independent of federal systems.

HHS, JDC/WAM

**SB 3134**

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF CARE.  
Modernizes Hawaii's emergency medical services statutes to align with current best practices.

HHS, JDC

**SB 3136**

[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE.  
Amends prohibitions on the use of lead materials in drinking water distribution to align with the Safe Drinking Water Act and related Code of Federal Regulations.

HHS, WAM

**SB 3138**

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF DEPOSIT  
BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS.  
Limits the independent audit requirement to deposit beverage distributors who distribute 2,000,000 or more deposit beverage containers a year. Identifies frequency of obtaining and submitting independent audits based on quantities of deposit beverage containers imported, manufactured, or distributed. Creates minimum requirements for independent audits.

HHS, WAM

<a href="#"><u>SB 3139</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. Amends the functions and responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Adds a new definition of "health care." Amends the exemption threshold for bed changes to up to thirty per cent of existing licensed bed types. Exempts the Department of Health from certificate of need requirements. Effective 7/1/2026.	HHS, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 3207</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. Authorizes applicants, operators, and third-party employers, rather than the Department of Health, to conduct background checks of employees and adult volunteers at healthcare facilities.	HHS, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 2271</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO HOSPITAL LICENSING. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to allow hospitals to demonstrate compliance with all licensing inspections required by the State through accreditation or certification by any accreditation or certification organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	HHS, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2272</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING. Authorizes the Department of Health to accept accreditation from an accreditation organization or a certification organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as demonstration that a licensed home health agency is in compliance with all licensing inspections required by the State. Specifies conditions under which a home health agency may be exempt from a licensing inspection on a continuing basis. Requires information obtained in reports of survey and accreditation or certification letters to be public information.	HHS, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 967</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires Medicaid and private insurance coverage for intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression. Appropriates moneys.	HHS, CPN/WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2285</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO COMPLEX PATIENT TREATMENT. Appropriates funds to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations for a behavioral health complex patient model. Requires a report to the Legislature.	HHS, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2289</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF NEED. Exempts from the certificate of need requirements certain health care facilities and services that address maternal and pediatric health, serve federally designated medically underserved rural areas, lower patient costs, are unlikely to be overprescribed, and assist certain vulnerable populations.	HHS, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair