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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

SB 2275

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities. Requires the Department to adopt rules.

HHS, WAM

SB 2390

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO INSURANCE.
Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for biomarker testing.

HHS, CPN/WAM

SB 2540

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO YOUTH PENALTIES.
Prohibits the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who was adjudicated for an offense committed during the person's minority, or against the person's parent or guardian, and discharges all related debt obligations assessed before the effective date of the Act. Encourages the use of community service and other programs that employ aina-based principles. Repeals certain penalties imposed on parents, guardians, or other persons associated with unaccompanied children in streets and unmarried minors in dance halls.

HHS, JDC

SB 3142

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO DANGEROUS INTOXICATION.

HHS, JDC

Establishes the offenses of dangerous intoxication and habitual dangerous intoxication. Provides for civil protective custody and transport for emergency examination under section 334-45, HRS, in lieu of arrest for dangerous intoxication in specified circumstances, and bars prosecution when civil protective custody is used. Requires probation with mandatory treatment for habitual dangerous intoxication, with incarceration only upon probation violation. Makes conforming amendments to chapter 334, HRS.

SB 2414

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD.

HHS, WAM

Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to study the health care communication needs of patients who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind. Requires a report to the Legislature 20 days prior to the 2027 Regular Session.

SB 2340

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES.

HHS, JDC

Clarifies that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who meet an intermediate care facility or nursing facility level of care shall not be denied residency in a licensed community care foster family home solely because of their disability or enrollment in a specific medicaid waiver program.

SB 2848

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HEARING AIDS.

HHS, WAM/CPN
[Measure added
on 02-06-26]

Exempts from the general excise tax, gross receipts from the sale of hearing aids received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a practitioner licensed to administer drugs to an individual. Sunsets 1/1/2028.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair