

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 816, HD1

[\(HSCR846-26\)](#)

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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)

HHS, WAM

HB 1131, HD1

[\(HSCR827-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO AN INTENSIVE MOBILE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOUSELESS INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS BRAIN DISORDERS.
Establishes and appropriates funds for a pilot program in the Department of Health to provide intensive mobile treatment-type services to chronically houseless individuals suffering from serious brain disorders like schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HHS, WAM

HB 1562, HD1

[\(HSCR847-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.
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)

HHS, WAM

[HB 1705, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR989-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.
Allows licensed mental health counselors to be appointed as child custody evaluators. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HHS, JDC

[HB 2343, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR843-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO VETERANS.
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)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair