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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, March 20, 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

HB 1626, HD1 (HSCR990-26) 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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HHS, JDC
HB 1643, HD2 (HSCR1066-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO PHARMACY. Specifies a framework for the administration of audits of records of registered pharmacists and pharmacies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HHS, CPN
HB 1668, HD1 (HSCR822-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO MEDICAID. Requires the Department of Human Services to allow a full earned income disregard for individuals with disabilities who are between the ages of sixteen and sixty-four years when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Takes effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HHS, WAM

<p><u>HB 1550, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1149-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Excludes drug testing products from the definition of drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, JDC</p>
<p><u>HB 1974, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR841-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires and appropriates funds for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop and publish a state plan on hearing loss. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1858, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1150-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS. Amends the various requirements in the event of a fetal death, including registration of certain fetal deaths, filing and preparation of a certificate of fetal death, and issuance of a permit for removal, burial, or other disposition. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, JDC</p>
<p><u>HB 1871, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR851-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program within the Department of Health to offer eligible participants improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1966, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR853-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL FUND. Amends the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund by authorizing the deposit of revenues from billable emergency medical services. Amends the composition, allowable uses, and establishes a cap on the special fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1972, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR824-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a family caregiver tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1973, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR840-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes within the Department of Health a one-year KupunAloha pilot program to provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants who do not otherwise qualify for government assistance for these services. Appropriates funds for the program. Pilot program sunsets 6/30/27. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair