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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: Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
TIME: 1:40 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">HB 469, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1151-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard and provides proof of travel. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HHS, JDC
<a href="#">HB 2488, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1072-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD. 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 twenty days prior to the 2027 Regular Session. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HHS, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2009, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1073-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT. Extends child care subsidies to disabled parents or guardians, regardless of their employment status. Requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate caregiver capacity and dependent-care responsibilities when determining eligibility for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services. Requires the Department of Human Services to update its health and functional assessment protocols related to at-risk needs determinations. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HHS, WAM

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 2007, HD3</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1074-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES TAX CREDIT.  Increases a taxpayer's applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that is used to calculate the household and dependent care services tax credit. Establishes certain disallowance periods following a final decision that a claim for the credit was due to fraud and that the claim was disallowed. Extends the sunset date of the temporary increase in maximum employment-related expenses that are used to calculate the household and dependent care services tax credit, established by Act 163, SLH 2023, to 6/30/2030. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1518, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR826-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  By 1/1/2028, requires the Department of Human Services, upon obtaining a federal waiver, to establish a pre-release Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application process for inmates nearing release. Allows all individuals convicted of an offense involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance to apply for SNAP benefits, regardless of treatment status. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 2208, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR828-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY.  Establishes and appropriates funds in the form of grants for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program under the Department of Human Services to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 2096, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1126-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES IN CHILD PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS.  Clarifies and expands procedures for aggravated circumstances determinations in Child Protective Act proceedings. Authorizes the Family Court to make a finding of aggravated circumstances at any stage of a Child Protective Act proceeding before the termination of parental rights, rather than limiting these findings to the return hearing. Incorporates the definition of torture under the Penal Code for purposes of defining aggravated circumstances involving child torture under the Child Protective Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HHS, JDC</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair