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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 09:00 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2315](#)
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RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

Authorizes the Department of Health to establish a vacation payout pilot project in which eligible Department of Health employees may defer unused vacation leave credits in favor of a pay out to provide home purchase down payment assistance. Report required. Sunsets June 30, 2029.

HLT, LAB, FIN



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| <u>HB 2562</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS. Establishes statewide health care worker safety and workplace violence prevention requirements for health care facilities. Requires enforcement by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in coordination with the Department of Health. | HLT, LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 1532</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TAXATION. Excludes from the offense of unlawful shipment of tobacco products the direct sale of large cigars and pipe tobacco to adult consumers for personal use. Effective 1/1/2027. | HLT, CPC, FIN |
| <u>HB 1857</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Establishes a broad definition of "qualified health care provider" in numerous areas of existing law. Clarifies and standardizes references to specific health care providers. Updates outdated language to reflect correct terminology. Makes numerous clarifying and conforming amendments to support these changes, including but not limited to chapters related to health, education, insurance, professions and vocations, the pain patient's bill of rights, the Uniform Probate Code, minors, the Child Protective Act, and the Penal Code. Repeals the obsolete Hawaii Health Corps. | HLT, CPC, JHA |
| <u>HB 2209</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires health insurance carriers to honor a patient's written assignment of benefits to a substance use disorder treatment provider. Prohibits health insurance contracts from including anti-assignment clauses that restrict or invalidate a patient's right to assign benefits. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules and take enforcement action to ensure compliance. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to publish an annual summary. Allows providers to bring civil actions to compel payment and obtain injunctive relief, damages, interest, and attorneys' fees for violations. Deems violations to be unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Requires insurers to furnish an explanation of benefits to the assigned provider upon request. | HLT, CPC, JHA |
| <u>HB 1961</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Prohibits persons from interfering with another person's access to or from a health care facility or disrupting the normal functioning of a health care facility. Makes violations a petty misdemeanor. Establishes a private right of action for individuals and health care facilities harmed as a result of interference with a health care facility. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive or other equitable relief. | HLT, JHA |
| <u>HB 2343</u> <u>Status</u> | 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. | HLT, PBS, FIN |



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| HB 2160 Status | RELATING TO CANCER. Repeals the requirement that a certain amount received from the cigarette tax on the wholesale price of each article or item of certain tobacco products deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund must be used for debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. | HLT, HED, FIN |
| HB 2505 Status | RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT. Requires community health outpatient programs to prepare a certificate for assisted community treatment and provide the certificate to a defendant. Requires a petition for assisted community treatment to be heard within five days after the petition is filed. | HLT, JHA |
| HB 1537 Status | RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations to provide preventive and early intervention mental health services to adolescents within the community. Requires a report to the Legislature. | HLT/HSH, FIN |
| HB 1562 Status | 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. | HLT/HSH, FIN |
| HB 1731 Status | RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES. 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. | HLT/HSH, FIN |
| HB 1853 Status | RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Establishes the Hanai Memory Network Program within the Executive Office on Aging to create a network of dementia care specialists and support systems to assist individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Appropriates funds. | HLT/HSH, FIN |
| HB 1973 Status | RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes within the Department of Health the KupunAloha 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 moneys for the program. | HLT/HSH, FIN |
| HB 1974 Status | 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. | HLT/HSH, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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