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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 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 1535 Status	RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of automated external defibrillator devices by certain places of public accommodation.	HLT, FIN
HB 1765 Status	RELATING TO SPEARFISHING SAFETY. Establishes safety-warning requirements regarding spearfishing. Effective 7/1/2027.	HLT, CPC
HB 1549 Status	RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Repeals the law prohibiting drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.	HLT, JHA
HB 1550 Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Excludes drug testing products from the definition of drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.	HLT, JHA



HB 1995 Status	RELATING TO PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Provides that people who are blind or deaf are eligible to apply for and receive a disabled paid parking permit.	HLT, JHA
HB 1671 Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Allows a licensed dental hygienist to place interim therapeutic restorations in public health settings under the general supervision of licensed dentist.	HLT, CPC
HB 1643 Status	RELATING TO PHARMACY. Specifies a framework for the administration of audits of records of pharmacists and pharmacies.	HLT, CPC
HB 1978 Status	RELATING TO THE WEST HAWAII REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. Appropriates funds for the planning, design, site work, and construction of a new outpatient care center in North Kona.	HLT, FIN
HB 2229 Status	RELATING TO MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS. Authorizes microenterprise home kitchens to prepare and sell food directly to consumers without food establishment permits or routine inspections, subject to consumer disclosure and basic food safety requirements. Clarifies that microenterprise home kitchens are not food establishments or food processing establishments. Authorizes the Department of Health to conduct investigations on microenterprise home kitchens in response to complaints, foodborne illness outbreaks, and imminent threats to public health.	HLT, CPC
HB 2619 Status	RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to authorize and regulate farm kitchens on the same basis as home kitchens producing homemade food products.	HLT, CPC
HB 2319 Status	RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. Amends the functions and responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Adds a new definition of "health care." Amends the exemption threshold for bed changes to up to thirty per cent of existing licensed bed types. Exempts the Department of Health from certificate of need requirements. Effective 7/1/2026.	HLT, CPC
HB 2173 Status	RELATING TO AMBULANCES. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase of one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui, fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, and increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State.	HLT, FIN
HB 2576 Status	RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. Authorizes applicants, operators, and third-party employers, rather than the Department of Health, to conduct background checks of employees and adult volunteers at healthcare facilities.	HLT, JHA



Prohibits health care facilities, health care providers, and emergency medical services from furnishing medical debt to a consumer credit reporting agency. Prohibits consumer credit reporting agencies from reporting or maintaining medical debt information in the file on a consumer.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. Gregg Takayama
Chair

