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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026
TIME: 9:30am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1972](#)
[Status](#)

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 moneys. The tax credit applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026.

HSH, ECD, FIN

[HB 1975](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.
Repeals the sunset for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna.
Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna and for positions to support the program.

HSH, FIN



<u>HB 1706</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Expands the services eligible for Medicaid Prospective Payment System reimbursement to include certain services furnished by a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic and provided by mental health professionals under the clinical supervision of a licensed mental health professional. Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to allow medical assistance reimbursement payments for services provided to recipients eligible for Medicaid benefits under any plan under Medicaid managed care programs in the State by unlicensed mental health professionals under the clinical supervision of a licensed mental health professional. Requires the Department of Human Services to seek necessary waivers and any additional approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	HSH, CPC
<u>HB 2007</u> <u>Status</u>	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. 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.	HSH, ECD, FIN
<u>HB 1546</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Establishes a three-year Health Coverage Continuity Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to assist individuals who have lost Medicaid health insurance coverage and lack access to other health insurance options. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to contract with a nonprofit health insurer or community-based organization to operate the Pilot Program; provided that the Department shall allow the operator to access state-backed reinsurance or risk stabilization support for the operator of the Pilot Program. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to: (1) Issue premium subsidies or vouchers; and (2) Accept employer contributions; provided that the benefit shall be portable and follow the individual without imposing compliance or administrative obligations on the State or an employer. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals 6/30/2029.	HSH, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2010</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a surcharge on taxable income exceeding \$1,000,000 to provide funding, if approved by the Legislature, for the State Medicaid Program.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 1668</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	HSH, FIN



HB 2009 Status	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 evaluation form and functional assessment protocols related to level of care and at-risk needs determinations. Appropriates funds.	HSH, FIN
HB 2208 Status	RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY. Establishes and appropriates funds 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.	HSH, AGR, FIN
HB 2458 Status	RELATING TO SURVEILLANCE PRICING. Prohibits retailers from using surveillance pricing in the sale of food that is sold, or qualifies to be sold, as part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Special Supplemental Foods Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Establishes fines. Exemptions certain discounts and loyalty programs.	HSH, CPC, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Lisa Marten
Chair

