



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Legislative Committee Meeting

February 2, 2026
12:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to participate as follows:

Physical Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B
Honolulu, HI 96813

Participate Virtually via Zoom

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HOW TO TESTIFY:

Written testimony – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as Committee members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- **To Submit by Email:** Email the Legislative Committee at dcab@doh.hawaii.gov. Please include TESTIMONY in the subject line.
- **To Submit by U.S. Postal Mail or Hand-Delivery:**

Attention: Legislative Committee – Testimony
Disability and Communication Access Board
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- **To Submit via facsimile:** (808) 586-8129

Oral testimony will be accepted via the remote testimony link or in-person at 1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during the Committee meetings shall be limited to three (3) minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Committee meeting agendas.

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Committee shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Committee.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Review Remote Meeting Procedures

- This meeting is being recorded.
- A quorum of Committee members is required to be visible on screen.
- If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time and updates will be made to any posted notices or calendars accordingly.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting permanently at any time, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the meeting will adjourn at that time.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting temporarily, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the Chair shall call a recess. If the Committee member does not return within ten (10) minutes, the meeting will be adjourned.
- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- Identify yourself before speaking however public testifiers may use an alias to maintain anonymity.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted

IV. Bills and Resolutions

A. Non-Discrimination

[House Bill 1522](#) – Relating to Discrimination. Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to one year.

[House Bill 1665](#) – Relating to the Penal Code. Expands the definition of "terroristic threatening" to include electronic communications, including posts made on or messages sent through social media. Specifies that terroristic threatening against public infrastructure, including schools; a federal, state, or county government agency; an elderly person who has attained the age of sixty-two years; a child who is under the age of eighteen; or a disabled person is a Class B felony. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

[House Bill 1940](#) – Relating to Condominium Associations. Requires a condominium association to make available on an internet site the association's general ledgers, project information form (RR-105C), and statement of accounts at no cost to a unit owner or the unit owner's authorized agent. Reduces the reasonable fee a condominium association may charge to provide copies of association documents from \$1 per page to 75 cents per page.

[House Bill 1997 / Senate Bill 2846](#) – Relating to Students with Disabilities. Authorizes the inclusion of language addressing individualized accommodations and supports during emergency situations and evacuations in individualized education programs for students with disabilities. Requires support and guidance from the Department of Education.

[House Bill 1998 / Senate Bill 2852](#) – Relating to Civil Rights. Establishes it as an unlawful discriminatory practice for a place of public accommodation to deny a person with a disability full and equal enjoyment of information related to their services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations by requiring use of information and communication technology that is not accessible to the person. Establishes exceptions.

[House Bill 1999 / Senate Bill 2849](#) – Relating to Public Meetings. Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings.

[House Bill 2000 / Senate Bill 2847](#) – Relating to the Right to Repair. Establishes a right to repair for wheelchairs.

[Senate Bill 2465](#) – Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to Establish Access to Health Care as a Fundamental Right. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to establish access to affordable health care as a fundamental right, subject to limitations balancing other essential public services.

[Senate Bill 2468](#) – 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.

[Senate Bill 2472](#) - Relating to Health. Expands statutory provisions that provide for religious exemptions from medical examinations, immunizations, vaccinations, and revaccinations to protect parents and other persons with bona fide religious tenets and practices.

[Senate Bill 2495](#) – Relating to Consumer Protection. Clarifies that the Office of Consumer Protection within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs may use its authority to enforce laws and bring civil actions with regard to disputes arising under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code.

B. Communication Access

[House Bill 1993 / Senate Bill 2851](#) – Relating to Deaf Individuals. Authorizes deaf motor vehicle owners to register their vehicle as being owned by a deaf individual so that a deafness designation appears when a law enforcement officer accesses the motor vehicle's information.

[Senate Bill 2412](#) – Relating to the University of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys to establish a bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language interpretation at the University of Hawai'i Manoa campus with a multi-year plan to include a master's degree program for interpreter training.

[Senate Bill 2414](#) – 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 20 days prior to the 2027 Regular Session.

[Senate Bill 2430](#) – Relating to Education. Beginning no later than the 2028-2029 school year, requires the Department of Education to administer a dyslexia-sensitive universal screening to all students in kindergarten through grade three. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, requires certain employees of public schools to have an opportunity to participate in training on literacy instruction. Requires a report to the Legislature and Board of Education before the 2031-2032 school year. Appropriates funds.

C. Service and Other Animals

[House Bill 1593](#) – Relating to Affordable Housing. Requires, for any affordable rental housing development project that receives financing or any financial assistance from the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, that the Corporation require the housing development lease or occupancy agreement to allow residents to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets.

D. Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

[House Bill 1786](#) – Relating to School Facilities. Requires the Department of Education to make available all public school outdoor facilities and grounds on Saturdays and Sundays for public and community use without the need for any license, permit, or deposit of fees, under certain conditions. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals on 6/30/2030. (See SR3/SCR6)

[Senate Resolution 3/Senate Concurrent Resolution 6](#) – Requesting the Department of Education to Make Available Recreational Facilities to the Public During Non-Peak Hours and Non-School Days.

[Senate Bill 2219](#) – Relating to Public Access. Establishes a Capitol Visitor Center within the State Capitol to be maintained and operated by the Legislative Reference Bureau. Requires the Joint Legislative Access Committee to review the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center and recommend policies to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Bill 2543](#) – Relating to State Construction Projects. Establishes the Office of the State Construction Manager within the Department of Accounting and General Services, overseen by the State Construction Manager, to organize, manage, and oversee design review of, and issue design approvals for, state construction projects. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements under certain circumstances, as determined by the State Construction Manager. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund and appropriates funds into and out of the fund.

E. Community Based Services and Employment

[House Bill 1514](#) – Relating to Workers' Compensation. Clarifies the process for selecting a certified provider of rehabilitation services. Requires providers to automatically approve vocational rehabilitation services for an injured employee if those services will likely be required for suitable gainful employment. Requires providers to file an employee's vocational plan no later than ninety days after submitting an initial evaluation report, with certain exceptions.

[House Bill 1515](#) - Relating to Workers' Compensation. Authorizes an attending physician to request a functional capacity examination and refer an injured employee for the examination without first obtaining permission from the employee's employer. Allows licensed occupational and physical therapists to be deemed qualified to perform functional capacity examinations.

[House Bill 1536](#) – Relating to Health Insurance. Requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the cost of prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prostheses, and orthotic devices for policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed on or after 1/1/2027. Establishes an unspecified minimum yearly benefit for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices.

[House Bill 1575](#) – Relating to Access to Movement Disorder Care. Establishes a temporary Parkinson's Patient Air Transport Feasibility Committee to examine recommendations for improving access to movement disorder care for neighbor island residents, including the feasibility of a state-administered air transport assistance fund. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

[House Bill 1589 / Senate Bill 2259](#) – Relating to the Department of Business, Economic, Development, and Tourism. Establishes the Hawaii Dementia Initiative Business Recognition Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates moneys.

[House Bill 1597](#) – Relating to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research. Establishes and appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center at the University of Hawai'i, including the establishment of two full-time positions.

[House Bill 1611](#) – Relating to Taxation. Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes a yearly reduction in the general excise tax rate on groceries and nonprescription drugs on a tiered schedule, until 1/1/2034 and thereafter, when a full general excise tax exemption applies. Beginning 1/1/2028, provides a general excise tax exemption on the wholesale sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs. Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the counties from imposing a county surcharge on groceries and nonprescription drugs.

[House Bill 1628](#) – Relating to Compassionate Release. Establishes a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons.

[House Bill 1668](#) – 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.

[House Bill 1670 / Senate Bill 2204](#) – Relating to Insurance. Beginning 1/1/2027, repeals the fourteen years and under age limit for health insurance coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment of autism. Repeals the maximum coverage benefit limit of \$25,000 for applied behavioral analysis services.

[House Bill 1669](#) – Relating to Lung Cancer Screening. Requires the Department of Health to develop by 12/31/2026, standardized educational materials relating to lung cancer screening and language on lung cancer screening information to be included in signage and written notices to be used by retailers of tobacco products. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires retailers engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products to display signage on lung cancer screening at each point of sale and provide written notice on lung cancer screening to each buyer of a tobacco product.

[House Bill 1671](#) – Relating to Health. Allows a licensed dental hygienist to place interim therapeutic restorations in public health settings under the general supervision of licensed dentist.

[House Bill 1674 / Senate Bill 2291](#) – 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.

[House Bill 1700 / Senate Bill 2270](#) – Relating to Housing. Includes housing projects for individuals with disabilities and individuals with access and functional needs as eligible projects to apply for expedited permits. Effective 7/2/2026. Repeals on 6/30/2031.

[House Bill 1702](#) – Relating to Insurance. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for brief cognitive assessments for individuals fifty years of age and older.

[House Bill 1704 / Senate Bill 2080](#) - Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Effective 1/1/2027. (Note, also see Senate Bill 2225, Senate Bill 2242, and Senate Bill 2508.)

[House Bill 1706](#) – 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.

[House Bill 1717](#) – Relating to Student Health. Authorizes a school to maintain a stock supply of over-the-counter oral antihistamines to be administered under certain conditions. Authorizes school personnel to administer the over-the-counter oral antihistamine medication, under certain conditions.

[House Bill 1754](#) – Relating to General Excise Tax. Exempts food and groceries from the general excise tax. Expands the general excise tax exemption implemented in 2024 for certain medical and dental services to include all medical and dental services.

[House Bill 1760](#) - Relating to Mental Illness. Amends the definition of "dangerous to self". Defines the terms "gravely disabled" and "psychiatric deterioration". Broadens the term of "imminently dangerous to self and others". Increases the maximum period of emergency hospitalization.

[House Bill 1767](#) – Relating to Opioid Antagonists. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations that issue policies, contracts, plans, or agreements that provide prescription drug coverage to provide coverage for at least one generic opioid antagonist and device.

[House Bill 1784](#) – Relating to Education. Beginning no later than the 2028-2029 school year, requires the Department of Education to administer a dyslexia-sensitive universal screening to all students in kindergarten through grade three. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, requires certain employees of public schools to have an opportunity to participate in training on literacy instruction. Requires a report to the Legislature and Board of Education before the 2031-2032 school year. Appropriates funds.

[House Bill 1787](#) – Relating to Health Care. Establishes restrictions on the use of artificial intelligence, algorithms, or other software tools for purposes of decision-making in health insurance utilization reviews. Requires a licensed health care provider to review all adverse actions by the health carrier.

[House Bill 1804](#) – Relating to Long-term Care Financing. Establishes a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to examine the feasibility of different financing options for long-term care services and supports. Permits the Commission, through the Legislative Reference Bureau, to contract for services of a part-time project director and prepare proposals for contracts for consultants to support the work of the Commission. Requires the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Bill 389](#) – Relating to the General Excise Tax. Expands the general excise tax exemption established by Act 47, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024, to include amounts received by optometrists, audiologists, and chiropractors, for healthcare-related goods or services purchased under the Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE programs.

[Senate Bill 787](#) – Relating to the Department of Health. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to establish and operate a free statewide mental health warm line to provide mental health support in non-emergency situations.

Senate Bill 1139 – Relating to Medicaid. Directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to expand Medicaid eligibility to all children in the State from birth to age 5 years without regard to household income. Appropriates moneys.

Senate Bill 2073 – Relating to Water Fluoridation. Requires certain suppliers of water in the State to adjust the fluoride levels in the supplier's public water system to meet the optimal fluoride level for community water fluoridation, as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Requires suppliers to test water systems for fluoride levels, at intervals established by the state Department of Health. Requires the Department of Health to provide training to suppliers on the implementation of water fluoridation. Requires the Department of Health to submit annual reports to the Legislature.

Senate Bill 2087 – 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.

Senate Bill 2088 – Relating to Health Care Plans for Workers. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, to establish and implement a five-year voluntary Nontraditional Workforce Portable Health Care Benefit Plan Pilot Program that offers high deductible health plans or catastrophic health plans to nontraditional workers who are ineligible for health benefits provided by the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund or prepaid health care plans under the Prepaid Health Care Act. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

Senate Bill 2104 – Relating to the General Excise Tax. Implements a phased repeal of the state general excise tax on the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs in the State. Prohibits counties from establishing county surcharges on the state general excise tax on gross income or gross proceeds from the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs in the State. Prohibition on county surcharges to be repealed on 12/31/2030.

Senate Bill 2107 - Relating to Lung Cancer Screening. Requires the Department of Health to develop by 12/31/2026, standardized educational materials relating to lung cancer screening and language on lung cancer screening information to be included in signage and written notices to be used by retailers of tobacco

products. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires retailers engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products to display signage on lung cancer screening at each point of sale and provide written notice on lung cancer screening to each buyer of a tobacco product.

[Senate Bill 2162](#) – Relating to Housing. Authorizes large landowners to petition the Land Use Commission to allow the development of elderly housing on portions of agricultural lands.

[Senate Bill 2165](#) – Relating to Medical Debt. Prohibits a health care provider or medical creditor from filing a civil lawsuit to collect medical debt from a patient whose household income is less than or equal to five hundred percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Prohibits a health care provider or medical creditor from engaging in certain debt collection practices. Prohibits a health care provider or medical creditor from selling medical debt. Prohibits a health care provider whose income exceeds a certain threshold from denying non-emergency medically necessary care to patients.

[Senate Bill 2167](#) – Relating to the Hawaii Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Act. Revises the Hawai'i Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Act by: (1) Establishing new provisions on telehealth parity, prior authorization timelines, and automated decision systems; (2) Enhancing medical data protection and privacy standards; (3) Expanding the insurance commissioner's enforcement authority; and (4) Improving network adequacy, internal and external appeals procedures, and reporting requirements.

[Senate Bill 2173](#) – Relating to Insurance. Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for full-arch dental implants that are medically necessary.

[Senate Bill 2184 / Senate Bill 2206](#) – Relating to Student Access to Telehealth Services. Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, to develop and distribute to each public middle and high school in the State guidelines for the establishment and operation of safe spaces for students to access telehealth services on school property during normal school hours. Requires each public middle and high school to establish and maintain a safe space for students according to the guidelines.

[Senate Bill 2221](#) – Relating to Terminal Illness. Authorizes manufacturers of investigational drugs or biological products that are pending approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration to make the drugs or products available to terminally ill patients under certain conditions.

[Senate Bill 2224](#) – Relating to Education. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, requires each public school in the State, including charter schools, to employ, or retain under contract, at least one mental health professional for every 250 students enrolled, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Department of Education to submit a progress report to the Legislature no later than 20 days

prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027. Appropriates moneys for the Department of Education to contract for mental health professionals and to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent mental health professional positions within the Department of Education.

[Senate Bill 2225](#) – Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychologists when patients are located in compact states other than the state where the psychologist is licensed. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the compact.

[Senate Bill 2227](#) – Relating to Rental Assistance. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to award monthly rent supplement payments on behalf of qualified tenants under the State Rent Supplement Program prioritizing certain tenants, including kupuna. Authorizes the HPHA to enter into memoranda of agreement for rental supplement payments with the counties or specialized nonprofit organizations. Amends provisions relating to the State Rent Supplement Program. Establishes the State Rent Supplement Program Special Fund. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to assess a transaction fee for each applicable recording in the office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court or the Bureau of Conveyances to be deposited into the State Rent Supplement Program Special Fund. Repeals the existing separate State Rent Supplement Program for kupuna. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Bill 2242](#) - Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Enacts, and authorizes the Governor to enter into, the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

[Senate Bill 2269](#) – 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.

[Senate Bill 2273](#) – Relating to Workers' Compensation. Requires that employers pay all workers' compensation claims for compensable injuries and not deny claims without reasonable cause or during a pending investigation. Creates a presumption of compensability for claims submitted by employees excluded from coverage under the Hawaii prepaid health care act. Requires that employers notify medical services providers of any billing disagreements and allows providers to charge an additional rate to employers for outstanding balances owed for undisputed charges. Establishes dispute resolution procedures for employers and providers who have a reasonable disagreement over charges. Requires employers to deny a treatment plan within 3 days of receipt of a treatment plan or the treatment plan is deemed accepted.

[Senate Bill 2281](#) – Relating to the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care.

Requires health care providers using artificial intelligence (AI) in patient

interactions to disclose to the patient that the patient is interacting with artificial intelligence. Requires health care providers using AI in making consequential decisions relating to the patient to provide certain notice and statements to the patient; maintain a qualified AI oversight personnel who shall be a natural person that reviews, evaluates, and validates or overrides AI outputs; monitor and conduct regular performance evaluations of their AI systems; implement procedures to address identified deficiencies; and maintain certain records. Requires certain health care providers using AI to submit annual reports to the Department of Health. Requires the Department to adopt rules.

[Senate Bill 2282](#) – Relating to Insurer Prior Authorization. Establishes the Prior Authorization Committee to specify medical conditions for which prior authorization by the insurer for treatment is not required for health insurance coverage. Requires health plan insurers to align their prior authorization processes for other conditions with Medicare policies.

[Senate Bill 2283](#) – Relating to Prescription Drugs. Repeals certain prohibitions on the imposition of fees, conditions, or requirements on community retail pharmacies that are not imposed on mail order pharmacies.

[Senate Bill 2285](#) – Relating to Complex Patient Treatment. Appropriates funds to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations for a behavioral health complex patient model. Requires a report to the Legislature.

[Senate Bill 2287](#) – 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.

[Senate Bill 2288](#) – Relating to Mental Illness. Clarifies the procedures for assisted community treatment, examination, and hospitalization for individuals who may be mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse who are imminently dangerous to self, others, or property. Amends the procedures for involuntary hospitalizations and assisted community treatment petitions. Amends the Hawaii Penal Code to streamline the determination process for penal responsibility and fitness to proceed, including requiring courts to issue orders for treatment to defendants excluded from penal responsibility due to a mental disease, disorder, or defect.

[Senate Bill 2292](#) – Relating to Workers' Compensation Medical Treatment. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a medical treatment utilization schedule to standardize treatment for injured employees involved in workers' compensation claims.

[Senate Bill 2307](#) – Relating to Health Care. Authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board to issue an active retired clinician license to retired physicians, osteopathic physicians, and surgeons with inactive Hawaii medical licenses to provide

volunteer clinical work through community-based health care or public health organizations.

[Senate Bill 2390](#) – Relating to Insurance. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for biomarker testing.

[Senate Bill 2408](#) – Relating to Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis. Allows terminally ill patients and qualifying patients over sixty-five years of age with chronic diseases to use medical cannabis within specified health care facilities under certain conditions. Requires enforcement by the Department of Health.

[Senate Bill 2428](#) - Relating to Insurance. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for brief cognitive assessments for individuals fifty years of age and older.

[Senate Bill 2505](#) – Relating to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. Authorizes licensed paramedics to administer buprenorphine after administration of an opioid antagonist in cases of opioid overdoses, under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Health to implement a phased pilot program in at least 1 county with verified linkage-to-care capacity and authorizes expansion of the program statewide as additional treatment resources become available. Requires a report to the Legislature evaluating program outcomes.

[Senate Bill 2508](#) – Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. Enacts, and authorizes the Governor to enter into, the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

[Senate Bill 2554](#) – Relating to Long-Term Care Financing. Establishes a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to examine the feasibility of different financing options for long-term care services and supports. Permits the Commission, through the Legislative Reference Bureau, to contract for services of a part-time project director and prepare proposals for contracts for consultants to support the work of the Commission. Requires the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 1](#) – Requesting the Director of Health to Convene a Water Fluoridation Working Group.

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 4](#) - Requesting the Auditor to Assess Both the Social and Financial Effects of Proposed Mandated Health Insurance Coverage for Annual Mental Health Wellness Examinations.

F. Transportation and Mobility

[House Bill 1773/Senate Bill 2559](#) – 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 removable windshield placard and provides proof of travel. (Note SB 2559 defines disability parking travel placard.)

[House Bill 1995/Senate Bill 2850](#) – 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.

[Senate Bill 2009](#) - Relating to Motor Vehicles. Requires new number plates and tags or emblems for used motor vehicles transferred between private individuals.

[Senate Bill 2136](#) – Relating to Transportation. Establishes safe riding behaviors for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations. Establishes labeling and signage requirements for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of a moped or electric motorcycle in certain locations. Amends the definition of "bicycle" for purposes of county vehicular taxes. Defines "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle". Defines "electric micro-mobility device" and requires the same regulations as electric foot scooters to apply to electric micro-mobility devices. Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. Authorizes a person under the age of fourteen to operate class 2 electric bicycles under supervision. Prohibits a person from riding a class 3 electric bicycle on a sidewalk. Authorizes a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk under certain circumstances. Prohibits a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet. Repeals the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes. Substitutes the word "motor-driven cycle" with the word "motor scooter."

[Senate Bill 2146](#) – Relating to Traffic Infractions. Establishes a Traffic Fines Task Force that will examine the Finnish tiered traffic fines system, determine whether a similar system could be implemented in the State, and provide recommendations as to how a system could best be implemented. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Bill 2226](#) – Relating to Motorcycles. Requires all persons operating or riding a motorcycle to wear a safety helmet.

[Senate Bill 2936](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

G. Emergency Management

[Senate Bill 2029](#) – Relating to Emergency Management. Establishes the eighth day of August of each year as "Hawai'i Disaster Drill Day". Requires the Hawai'i

Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with all state departments and agencies, to conduct drills and perform other activities for that day.

[Senate Bill 2109](#) – Relating to Emergency Preparedness Communications.

Requires the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to develop and implement a statewide public education and communications program to promote household emergency preparedness consistent with the Agency's fourteen-day essential supplies recommendation. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Bill 2237](#) – Relating to Fire Prevention. Requires each state agency to create and regularly update a wildfire hazard map. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules. Specifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall clear brush present on state lands for more than sixty days through the Community Fuels Reduction Project. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove certain brush from high- and medium-risk wildfire areas on state lands. Requires reports to the Legislature.

[Senate Bill 2267](#) – Relating to 911 Services. Requires the 911 Board to establish, implement, and maintain a statewide emergency safety profile system that allows residents to voluntarily create and manage secure personal profiles containing information relevant to emergency responses.

H. Administration - NONE

I. Other - NONE

VI. Open Forum:

Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

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