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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Legislative Committee Meeting

February 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The Disability and Communication Access Board will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows.

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Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, HI 96813

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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.
 - Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
 - Identify yourself before speaking.
- II. Introductions
- III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted
- IV. Approval of Legislative Committee Minutes of January 31, 2024
- V. Bills and Resolutions
 - A. Non-Discrimination

[SB 3311](#) – Relating to Civil Rights. Establishes that it is an unlawful discriminatory practice for public accommodations to deny a person with a disability full and equal enjoyment of information related to their services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations using information and communication technology intended for use by the general public as applicants, participants, customers, clients, or visitors. Establishes exceptions.

[SB 3318](#) – Relating to Jail Diversion. Requires the Department of Health, for all eligible participants in the District Court Jail Diversion Program, to conduct an initial screening for possible serious mental illness; a mental health assessment for all eligible participants indicated as possibly having a serious mental illness by the initial screening; and a validated risk needs assessment for all eligible participants indicated as possibly having a serious mental illness by the mental health assessment. Requires the Department of Health to determine for each eligible participant whether the criteria for further evaluation and possible emergency hospitalization have been met and, if satisfied, follow the applicable statutory procedures.

[SB 3351](#) - Proposing an Amendment to Article I, Section 5 of the Hawaii Constitution Relating to Due Process and Equal Protection. Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination against a person because of

ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes.

B. Communication Access

[HB 1296 HD1 SD1](#) – Relating to Early Intervention Services. Establishes an Early Intervention Services Working Group within the Department of Health to study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf and hard of hearing children, including implementation strategies.

[SB 3290](#) – Relating to American Sign Language. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board and Department of Human Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language in Hawaii. Requires the Department of Health to assist the working group in the preparation of a report to submit to the Legislature.

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C. Service and Other Animals

D. Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

[HB 1808 / SB 2337](#) – Relating to Housing. Expands the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawai'i housing finance and development corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing mixed-income projects and mixed-use developments.

[HB 1986](#) – Relating to County Building Codes. Requires each county to allow a developer undertaking an adaptive reuse office conversion project to comply with the International Building Code with respect to provisions concerning ventilation and lighting.

[HB 1988 / SB 2062](#) – Relating to County Housing Powers. Expands the housing powers of the counties to include the planning, development, construction, financing, and providing of housing projects, including low- and moderate-income housing and mixed-use developments.

[HB 2040](#) – Relating to Permitting. Establishes the building permit expeditionary improvement force to eliminate inefficiencies in the permitting process. Staff note- no one with accessibility background is on task force.

[HB 2089 / SB 2994](#) – Relating to the State Building Code. Requires that the adoption, amendment, or update of a building code or standard by the State Building Code Council be within two years of every other official publication date of a code or standard.

[HB 2212 / SB 3227](#) – Relating to Affordable Housing. Allows religious, educational, and medical institutions to build residential units on lands zoned for

residential or commercial use within the urban state land use district, under certain conditions.

[HB 2214](#) / [SB 2840](#) – Relating to Housing. Provides a new source of interim financing for affordable housing projects using housing programs under chapter 201H, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

[HB 2287](#) / [HB 2324](#) / [SB 2583](#) / [SB 2584](#) – Relating to Housing. Appropriates funds for prefabricated, modular, or kauhale-type housing for individuals impacted by the Lahaina wildfire (HB 2287 and SB 2583) or homeless/low income (HB 2324 and SB 2584).

[HB 2304](#) / [SB 881 SD1](#) / [SB 2344](#) – Relating to Homelessness. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals.

[HB 2327](#) - Relating to Affordable Housing. Authorizes the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to partner with the property owner of 1021 Smith Street in Honolulu, Oahu, to create 60 units of affordable rental housing at that site.

[HB 2328](#) - Relating to Affordable Housing. Appropriates moneys to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to acquire and renovate parcels and buildings located between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane for affordable housing purposes.

[HB 2549](#) / [SB 2836](#) – Relating to Maui's Permanent Housing Recovery. Establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery and facilitate consultation and collaboration between state and county agencies on housing recovery initiatives for the island of Maui.

[SB 140 SD1](#) – Relating to the Housing Shortage. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs and identify adequate sites for housing sufficient to meet housing demands for all income levels each year.

[SB 336 SD1](#) / [SB 2027](#) – Relating to Housing. Restricts any county from disapproving or imposing certain conditions on a housing development project or an emergency shelter unless the county meets certain requirements.

[SB 2015](#) – Relating to Housing. Designates projects that are owned by the State, any county, or any organization obliged to use all financial surplus generated by the project to construct more housing or rehabilitate or manage housing as the highest priority for receiving funds from the State Rental Housing Revolving Fund.

[SB 2025](#) – Relating to Housing Development. Eliminates certain restrictions for any project on state property located within one-half mile of any rail station.

[SB 2034](#) – Relating to Housing. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation's and

Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's programs to develop housing exclusively for residents of the State who are owner- or renter-occupants and own no other real property.

[SB 2068 SD1](#) – Relating to Housing. Appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, and repair of housing units without regard to civil service law.

[SB 2077](#)- Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. Establishes an Interim Construction Subaccount within the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to be used for the interim financing of new construction projects under section 201H-43, HRS, prioritizing projects located on state or county-owned lands in counties with a population of less than five hundred thousand; provided that, for units in for-sale projects, the units shall be made available only to Hawai'i residents who are owner-occupants and own no other real property.

[SB 3333](#) – Relating to Housing. Exempts accessory dwelling units, ohana dwelling units, and certain affordable rental housing projects developed pursuant to a county ordinance from school impact fees.

[SB 2580](#) – Relating to Affordable Housing. Establishes a task force to identify 1 or more parcels of alienable state land and propose a plan for a public-private partnership to develop that land for affordable housing.

[SB 2779](#) – Relating to Hawaiian Home Lands. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build sufficient rental housing, including rental apartment units, and rent-with-option-to-buy housing units, to satisfy the housing needs of native Hawaiians on the waitlist for homestead leases.

[SB 2804](#) – Relating to Housing. Authorizes large land owners to petition the Land Use Commission to allow the development of elderly housing on portions of agricultural lands.

[SB 2870](#) – Relating to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Establishes a working group within the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to identify existing mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be acquired by the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

[SB 2948 / HB 2090](#) – Relating to Housing. Allows residential uses in areas zoned for commercial to be considered permitted as long as the residential use is limited by ordinance to floors above the ground floor of a building or structure and development standards are met, but exempts areas zoned under chapter 206E, HRS, relating to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Requires each county to adopt ordinances that allow for adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings in the county's building codes.

[SB 2959](#) – Relating to Taxation. Establishes an income tax credit for medically-related travel expenses not covered by insurance.

E. Community Based Services and Employment

[HB 897 HD1](#) / [SB 713](#) – Relating to Health. Establishes a joint task force to review policy issues and opportunities relating to the navigation, access, and coverage of Medicaid services by individuals with autism or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and make a recommendation on whether a waiver or other approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is necessary to ensure accessibility of certain services for individuals with autism or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

[HB 1503](#) / [SB 1492](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Requires the Department of Health to respond to reports about persons having severe mental illness and in need of assistance and to assess whether those persons may fulfill the criteria for assisted community treatment. Requires the Department of Health to track and publicly report certain data relating to crisis reports, emergency mental health transports, and court-ordered treatments. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Health for software and data collection and publication. Requires courts, when dismissing an involuntary hospitalization petition for a person, to assess whether the person meets the criteria for assisted community treatment. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to assist in the preparation and filing of certain assisted community treatment petitions and related court proceedings.

[HB 1648](#) – Relating to School Psychology. Establishes licensure requirements for school psychologists to be administered by the board of psychology. Requires all school psychologists to be licensed by 7/1/2026. Increases the composition of the board of psychology to include two school psychologists.

[HB 1657](#) / [SB 2510](#) – Relating to Education. Requires all public schools to implement universal screenings for students in kindergarten through third grade to identify and support students who are at risk of dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

[HB 1659](#) / [SB 2047](#) – Relating to Paid Sick Leave. Requires certain employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to care for themselves or a family member who is ill and supplemental paid sick leave to employees under certain public health emergency conditions.

[HB 1673](#) – Relating to Workers Compensation. Requires employers to be liable for medical care, services, and supplies when a worker's compensation claim filed by a solid waste worker suffering from cancer is accepted.

[HB 1675](#) - Relating to the General Excise Tax. Beginning 1/1/2025, exempts medical services provided by physicians and advanced practice registered nurses acting in the capacity of a primary care provider from the general excise tax.

[HB 1679](#) – Relating to Public Utilities. Requires all telecommunications service providers to communicate relevant information relating to the deenergization of electrical lines to public safety or emergency response offices for the affected areas.

[HB 1699](#) – Relating to General Excise Tax. Exempts food and medical services from the general excise tax. However, does not extend the food exemption to people who receive supplemental security income benefits, or disability or

blindness payments under Title I, II, X, XIV, or XVI or the Social Security, persons sixty years of age or over and persons who are physically or mentally handicapped or otherwise disabled that they are unable to adequately prepare all of their meals, meals prepared for and delivered to them and their spouses at their home by a public or private nonprofit organization or by a private establishment that contracts with the appropriate state agency to perform such services at concessional prices; or disabled or blind recipients of benefits under Title I, II, X, XIV, or XVI or the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq., 401 et seq., 1201 et seq., 1351 et seq., 1381 et seq.), who are residents in a public or private nonprofit group living arrangement that serves no more than sixteen residents and is certified by the appropriate state agency or agencies, meals prepared and served under such arrangement.

[HB 1713](#) / [HB 1855](#) / [HB 1876](#) / [SB 2207](#) / [SB 2225](#) – Relating to Family Leave - Establishes a paid family leave program for state and county employees. Authorizes a qualifying employee to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave for the birth or placement of a child or to care for a family member who has a serious health condition. Establishes procedures for a health care provider to provide a certification to an employee requesting paid family leave. Requires the State and counties to establish the paid family leave program by 1/1/2025.

[HB 1715](#) – Relating to Parental Rights. Establishes the Ohana Bill of Rights for parents and legal guardians of minor children to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their minor child.

[HB 1718](#) – Relating to Mental Health. 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.

[HB 1719](#) – Relating to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Requires birthing facilities to screen newborns for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and to report data to the Department of Health. Provides a screening exemption when parents or guardians object on religious grounds.

[HB 1720](#) – Relating to Medical Services for Firefighters. Provides cancer screening for full-time state firefighters every three years to cover twelve types of cancer. Appropriates funds exceeding the ceiling.

[HB 1721](#) – Relating to the Department of Human Services. Requires the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services to adopt rules authorizing reimbursements for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

[HB 1770](#) / [HB 1974](#) / [HB 2110](#) / [HB 2558](#) / [SB 2472](#) / [SB 2785](#) – Relating to Social Services. Increases the monthly needs allowance from \$50 to \$75. Clarifies that the needs allowance is not intended to replace or affect funds received from the federal supplemental security income program. Requires certain long-term care facility operators to pay for generic toiletries, linens, and meals and snacks.

[HB 1774](#) / [SB 2305](#) / [SB 2486](#) – Relating to Missing Persons. Establishes a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and

safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

[HB 1776](#) – Relating to the Household and Dependent Care Services Tax Credit. Increases a taxpayer's applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that may be claimed for the household and dependent care services tax credit for five years.

[HB 1777](#) / [SB 2476](#) – Relating to Dental Hygienists. Authorizes dental hygienists who are under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on certain individuals in a school-based oral health program.

[HB 1792](#) / [SB 2420](#) – Relating to Education. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, requires each public, private, and charter school in the State to establish a program within the health education curriculum for high school students to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Specifies instruction requirements. Waives liability for instruction under certain circumstances.

[HB 1825](#) / [SB 2119](#) – Relating to Out of State Prescriptions - Authorizes out-of-state pharmacists to transfer prescription information for the initial fill of a prescription for medical oxygen.

[HB 1827](#) / [SB 3225](#) – Relating to Healthcare Workforce Development. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Education to support healthcare workforce development programs, specifically the public high school healthcare workforce certificate program and glidepath program for certified nurse aides. Requires these appropriations to be matched using a state-to-private-funds ratio of 3:1. Appropriates moneys to renovate and equip certain public high school classrooms to be used for healthcare training.

[HB 1830](#) / [SB 343](#) - Relating to Mental Health. Establishes provisional or associate-level licensure requirements for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists and authorizes insurance reimbursements in certain circumstances. Allows psychologist license applicants to sit for the licensing examination before completing certain other requirements. Allows the Board of Psychology to grant licensure waivers in certain circumstances for psychologists.

[HB 1831](#) – Relating to Crisis Intervention. Establishes the behavioral health crisis center pilot program. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

[HB 1836](#) – Relating to Health. Allows pharmacists, during declared states of emergency, to refill prescriptions of up to thirty-day supplies of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices if the prescriber is unavailable or cannot be contacted to authorize the refill and if, in the pharmacist's professional judgment, failure to refill the prescription might interrupt the patient's ongoing care and have a significant adverse effect on the patient's well-being.

[HB 1906](#) – Relating to Making an Appropriation for the Department of Education to Promote Student Mental Health. Appropriates moneys for the Department of Education to enhance the Panorama platform and Trust Circle mobile app.

[HB 1921](#) / [SB 2853](#) – Relating to Mobile Vaccinations. Appropriates funds to the department of health for mobile vaccination services for homebound individuals.

[HB 1958](#) – Relating to Economic Development. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a three-year child care pilot grant program to provide grants to employers to assist in offering child care or caregiving support for their employees.

[HB 1963](#) – Relating to Health Care. Expands the facilities or services that are exempt from certificate of need requirements.

[HB 1979](#) – Relating to Prescription Drugs. Establishes the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program to be implemented and administered by the Department of Health. Requires the Department of Health to obtain federal approval, make reports, and adopt rules.

[HB 2004](#) – Relating to a Leave Grant Program. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to conduct an actuarial study on a leave grant pilot program to help small businesses offer their employees paid family leave and paid sick leave.

[HB 2017](#) / [HB 2109](#) / [HB 2173](#) / [HB 2216](#) / [SB 2611](#) / [SB 2786](#) / [SB 3224](#) – Related to Care Homes. Beginning on 7/1/2024, requires that the state supplemental payment for type 1 adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes not exceed \$1,136. Beginning on 7/1/2024, requires that the state supplemental payment for type II adult residential care homes not exceed \$1,334. (note, bills have different amounts)

[HB 2018](#) / [HB 2111](#) / [HB 2215](#) / [SB 2788](#) – Related to Medicaid. Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to achieve the full funding, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid home- and community-based services.

[HB 2024](#) / [SB 2023](#) – Relating to Access to Treatment for Terminally Ill Patients. Allows a terminally ill patient to receive investigational drugs and biological products that have not received final approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration.

[HB 2042](#) / [SB 2460](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Appropriates funds to address the mental health and wellness needs of youth in the State.

[HB 2147](#) / [HB 2553](#) / [SB 2568](#) – Relating to Health. Authorizes pharmacists to order and administer immunizations and vaccinations to children three years of age and older under state law. (HB 2553, bill title relates to pharmacists.)

[HB 2157](#) – Relating to Employer Health Care Requirements. Requires all health insurers in the State, including medicaid managed care programs, to cover dental and vision treatment.

[HB 2158](#) / [HB 2415](#) / [SB 2492](#) / [SB 3104](#) – Relating to the Nurse Licensure Compact. Adopts the nurse licensure compact. Beginning 01/01/2026, requires

nurses who hold multistate licenses issued by a state other than Hawai'i to complete demographic data surveys. Authorizes the Board of Nursing to assess different fees for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State.

[HB 2159](#) / [SB 2382](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation and filing of petitions for assisted community treatment and with the presentation of the case, unless declined by the petitioner.

[HB 2160](#) / [SB 2051](#) – Relating to Disability Health Disparity. Appropriates funds to the state council on development disabilities to study the health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the State.

[HB 2393](#) / [SB 3082](#) – Relating to Title 24, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to cover mandated services for mammography at least as favorably as coverage for other radiological examinations.

[HB 2412](#) / [SB 3101](#) – Relating to Behavioral Health. Authorizes the Department of Health to redirect persons experiencing a mental health crisis who are involved with, or at risk for involvement with, the criminal justice system to the appropriate health care system and services, including behavioral health crisis centers.

[HB 2436](#) / [SB 3125](#) - Relating to Medical Care for Minors. Authorizes minors who are 14 years or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and providers.

[HB 2448](#) / [SB 3137](#) – Relating to Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents. Amends the statutes pertaining to mental health services for children and adolescents provided by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to reflect the current mental health systems of care that address intensive mental health needs of children and adolescents.

[HB 2450](#) / [SB 2246](#) / [SB 3139](#) – Relating to Crisis Intervention. Establishes an expanded crisis intervention and diversion activities program within the Department of Health to expand existing activities to divert those with mental health issues to appropriate health care services. (SB 2246, bill title relates to Crisis Services.)

[HB 2529](#) – Relating to a Pilot Program to Fill Vacancies. Establishes a 5-year behavioral health exempt employee pilot program, to be administered by the Department of Health, under which the Department may fill employee vacancies in the Department's Behavioral Health Services Administration in a manner that is exempt from chapter 76, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

[HB 2601](#) – Relating to Public Safety. Creates the offense of urinating or defecating in public. Exception for medical condition verified by a licensed physician. Provides penalties for public urination or defecation. Requires mental

health evaluation and supportive services for a homeless person arrested for urinating or defecating in public places.

[HB 2604](#) – Relating to School Safety. Requires schools maintain AEDs for all sporting events. Mandates AED and CPR training for certain school officials.

[HB 2627](#) – Relating to the General Excise Tax. Exempts medical and dental services provided by health care providers to patients who receive Medicaid, Medicare, or TRICARE benefits from the general excise tax. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2024.

[HB 2630 / SB 3019](#) – Relating to Mental Health Treatment. Authorizes, and establishes a regulatory framework for, the administration of psilocybin for therapeutic use.

[HB 2698](#) – Relating to Rehabilitation. Requires the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county to provide care, diagnosis, or treatment for persons experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder crisis.

[HB 2728 / SB 2876](#) – Relating to Healthcare. Establishes the Hui Hoomana task force to identify actionable priorities and financial resources to offer the State's residents universal access to affordable, high-quality healthcare and health insurance. Requires reports to the Legislature. Dissolves the task force on 7/1/2025.

[HB 2744 / SB 2956](#) – Relating to Oral Health. Establishes an oral health task force to review the status of oral health in the State and make recommendations to improve the State's oral health infrastructure. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.

[HB 2757](#) – Relating to Paid Family Leave. By 1/1/2026, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a family and medical leave insurance program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits. By 1/1/2027, requires the Department to start receiving claims and paying benefits under the program. Specifies eligibility requirements and employee protections under the program.

[HB 2807](#) – Relating to Mental Health Services. Establishes a working group within the Department of Health to comprehensively and systematically map the array of child and adolescent mental health programs and services statewide.

[HB 2539 / SB 2678 / SB 3254](#) – Relating to Human Services. Appropriates funds to increase the funding for medicaid in-home services, conditioned on the Department of Human Services obtaining the maximum federal matching funds and pursuing all other funding sources.

[HB 2552 / SB 2930](#) – Relating to Employee Benefits. Extends, under certain conditions, the family leave period for up to eight additional weeks for employees who are unable to perform their employment duties due to the birth of a child who is required to stay in a neonatal intensive care unit. Requires the Civil Rights Commission to amend its rules to include neonatal care as a related medical condition whenever certain phrases are used.

[SB 163 SD 1](#) – Relating to Health. Appropriates funds to be expended by the Executive Office on Aging for an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Public Health Campaign.

[SB 168](#) – Relating to State Licensed Care Facilities. Requires the Department of Health to post on its website an easily understandable, searchable, and sortable list of all state-licensed care facilities including information on their licenses and inspections. Requires that the list be updated within five days of any change in its information.

[SB 2049](#) – Relating to Psychologists. Creates a multi-phase five year pilot project to allow qualified psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications for the treatment of mental illness to patients under the psychologists care at a federally qualified health center.

[SB 2059](#) – Relating to Accessibility. Requires a retail establishment with an employee toilet facility to allow a customer suffering from an eligible medical condition to use that restroom during normal business hours, under certain conditions. Exempts a retail establishment and employees from civil liability.

[SB 2091 / HB 1679](#) – Relating to Public Utilities - Requires all telecommunications service providers to communicate relevant information relating to the deenergization of electrical lines to public safety or emergency response offices for the affected areas. Requires all electric utility companies to operate electrical lines and equipment in a manner that shall minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by the electrical lines and equipment. Requires each electric utility company to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan and protocols for deenergizing electrical lines.

[SB 2136](#) – Relating to Medical Records. Establishes fees that medical providers may charge for medical records and imposes civil penalties.

[SB 2137](#) – Relating to Driving Under the Influence. Requires defendants convicted of causing the death or disability of a parent or legal guardian of a minor child by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant to make restitution in the form of financial support to each child of the victim.

[SB 2169](#) – Relating to the General Excise Tax. Exempts medical and dental services provided by health care providers to patients who receive Medicaid, Medicare, or TRICARE benefits from the general excise tax. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2024.

[SB 2302](#) – Relating to Long-term Care Facilities. Requires the Director of the Executive Office on Aging to work with health care providers to ensure that there are sufficient long-term care facilities on each island of the State. Makes an appropriation.

[SB 2316 / HB 2194](#) – Relating to Health Insurance. Prohibits a health insurer from requiring an insured diagnosed with stage two through stage five cancer to undergo step therapy prior to covering the insured for certain drugs prescribed by the insured's health care provider, under certain conditions.

[SB 2343 / HB 2224](#) – Relating to Long-Term Care. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to create a comprehensive long-term care master plan to accomplish long-term care policy goals that, when implemented, ensure the availability of a full continuum of institutional and community-based services.

[SB 2458](#) – Relating to Community Care Foster Homes. Allows the primary caregiver to be absent from the community care foster family home; provided that the substitute caregiver is present during the absence.

[SB 2463](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Authorizes examination of defendants via telehealth. Amends conditions for a defendant's release or examination of fitness to proceed. Authorizes the Department of Health to implement behavioral health crisis centers.

[SB 2464](#) – Relating to Health Care Provider Credentialing. Authorizes health care organizations to accept a health care provider's credentialing that was conducted by certain health care organizations or state agencies. Establishes a Health Care Credentialing Clearinghouse Pilot Program within the Department of Health.

[SB 2468](#) – Relating to Health Insurance. Requires all health insurers in the state, including medicaid managed care programs, to cover annual mental health wellness examinations.

[SB 2489](#) – Relating to Prescriptive Authority for Clinical Psychologists. Authorizes and establishes procedures and criteria for prescriptive authority for clinical psychologists who meet specific education, training, and registration requirements.

[SB 2551 / HB 2223](#) – Relating to Insurance. Beginning 1/1/2025, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for biomarker testing.

[SB 2619](#) – Relating to the Medical Use of Cannabis. Establishes a licensing system for medical cannabis cultivation. Facilitates the transport of medical cannabis. Expands the scope of authorized actions for medical cannabis patients. Provides that qualifying out-of-state patients need not register with the Department of Health. Protects medical cannabis patients and cultivation licenses from undue discrimination.

[SB 2688](#) – Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact.

[SB 2682 / HB 2156](#) – Relating to Lead Poisoning. Beginning 1/1/2025, requires physicians to perform or order test for lead poisoning in minor patients at certain intervals, and if the physician performs the test, the results to be included in the minor patient's record of immunization.

[SB 2722 / HB 2511](#) – Relating to Cancer. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the

social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.

[SB 2807](#) – Relating to Taxation. Establishes an annual tax credit for qualified physicians who actively practice medicine in rural areas of the state.

[SB 2899](#) – Relating to Pharmacists. Requires the auditor to conduct an assessment on the social and financial impacts of mandating health insurance coverage for care provided by a participating registered pharmacist practicing within the scope of the pharmacist's license.

[SB 2959](#) – Relating to Taxation. Establishes an income tax credit for medically-related travel expenses not covered by insurance.

[SB 2992 / HB 2800](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Beginning 7/1/2025, and occurring every ten years thereafter, requires the Department of Health to convene an Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review.

[SB 3251](#) – Relating to Persons with Disabilities. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

F. Transportation and Mobility

[HB 1790 / SB 3245](#) – Relating to Disabled Veterans. Exempts qualified disabled veterans from various annual motor vehicle fees and taxes, including vehicle weight taxes and beautification fees.

[HB 2082 / SB 2303](#) – Relating to School Bus Services. Establishes comprehensive standards for the department of education related to school bus services to ensure reasonable accommodation, equitable access, timely communication, and accountability. The standards shall include providing reasonable accommodation for students who may be disproportionately affected by bus service changes due to disabilities, special needs, or other unique circumstances; provided that such accommodation may include alternative transportation arrangements and support services.

[HB 2151](#)- Relating to Airport Visitors. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and implement at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport a non-traveler visitor pass program.

[HB 2171](#) – Relating to Sidewalks. Establishes the petty misdemeanor offense of sitting or lying on a public sidewalk. Contains exceptions, including for expressive activities that are protected by the First Amendment, and for medical emergencies.

[HB 2679](#) – Relating to Restoring Respect and Dignity to America's Only Royal Palace in the Nation. Prohibits parking of motor vehicles on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS to remove the blacktop, parking area, and paid parking adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DLNR to develop and maintain a pedestrian area adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS and DLNR to report on cost analysis.

[SB 2519](#) – Relating to Highway Safety. Requires persons under the age of seventeen to wear a helmet while riding a skateboard.

[SB 2738](#) – Relating to Transportation. Establishes a three-year pilot program within the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the counties, to examine signalized intersections that are programmed to all crosswalk and pedestrian movement signs to commence four seconds before the green light is given to motor vehicle traffic when the walk button has been presses. Staff note - this can be a disadvantage to pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired who rely on the surge of traffic to recognize when the signal is green. If these pedestrians begin crossing with the surge of parallel traffic where a leading pedestrian interval is used, they will have less time to cross than was designed. Also, when pedestrians do not initiate their crossing at the onset of the WALK interval, drivers may interpret this to mean that the pedestrians are not intending to cross. Pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired do not know about the leading pedestrian interval at unfamiliar intersections unless there is an APS installed.

[SB 2744](#) – Relating to Vehicles. Prohibits any person from parking a vehicle or constructing or installing any parking stall abutting the curb or edge of vehicle travel way near a marked crosswalk on a public right of way along a road or highway.

[SB 2769](#) – Relating to Climate Change. Requires all state, county, and private bus operators to upgrade to zero emission buses by 2045.

G. Emergency Management

[HB 1665](#) – Relating to Warning Sirens. Requires the Hawai'i emergency management agency to prepare and develop a plan to upgrade all-hazard warning sirens to be capable of transmitting voice instructions and directions and capable of voice activation.

[HB 2789](#) – Relating to Education. Requires the department of education equip all classroom doors with interior locks, maintain a public address system, feature an emergency access route, employ a student resource officer, and maintain fire alarms. Mandates the establishment of school emergency management plans. Requires schools conduct regular testing and emergency preparedness drills.

[SB 2771](#) – Relating to Emergency Management. Requires the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the county emergency management agencies, to conduct a study researching the effectiveness of using distinct sounds or tones emitted by outdoor warning sirens to warn the public of different types of emergencies and indicate whether evacuation is necessary.

H. Administration

[HB 1598](#) / [HB 1858](#) / [SB 2198](#) – Relating to the Sunshine Law. Requires board meeting packets to be available 2 business days before the meeting instead of 48 hours before. Note, HB 1858 and SB 2198, bill title different relating to Public Agency Meetings.

[HB 1599](#) / [SB 2636](#) - Relating to the Sunshine Law. Requires public meeting notices to inform members of the public how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants. Affirms the right of a board to remove or block someone who willfully disrupts or compromises the conduct of a meeting. (SB 2636 bill title different relating to Remote Meetings.)

[HB 1976](#) / [SB 2752](#) – Relating to the Office of Elections. Appropriates funds to the Office of Elections Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee to provide voter education and outreach services for individuals with accessibility needs.

[SB 2116](#) – Relating to Board Meetings. Requires all meeting utilize interactive conference technology.

[SB 2172](#) – Relating to Boards and Commissions. Establishes the priority of who may assume the authority and duties of a chairperson of a board or commission in the chairperson's and all co-chairperson's absence at a hearing or meeting of a board or commission. Prohibits staff members from assuming the authority and duties of the chairperson of a board or commission.

[SB 2180](#) – Relating to Chore Services. Requires the Department of Human Services' program requirements for chore services to include an assessment of whether the applicant has a family member who is available and capable of providing necessary chore services for the applicant. Requires income eligibility standards for chore services to include an assessment of whether the individual has the ability to pay a portion of the cost of the chore services they receive. Requires the Department of Human Services to improve access for disabled persons seeking chore services by taking certain actions and submitting a report to the Legislature.

[SB 2198](#) / [HB 1858](#) – Relating to Public Agency Meetings. Provides that supplemental information received within 48 hours of a meeting of a board subject to state opening meetings law may be added to the board packet; provided that the public is promptly provided access to the supplemental information.

I. Other

[HB 326](#) / [SB 50](#) – Relating to Plastic Straws. Prohibits the distribution, sale, and provision of plastic straws, except for those who request single-use plastic straws for medical reasons.

[HB 1053 HD1](#)/[SB 1351 SD2 HD2](#) – Relating to Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. Establishes the infant and early childhood mental health program within the department of health to provide and coordinate mental health services for children from birth up to age five. Appropriates funds for the establishment of the program, including for an unspecified number of permanent full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

[HB 1524](#) / [SB 2099](#) – Relating to School Zones. Prohibits loitering at schools and public property within 200 feet of a school. Prohibits obstructing a building, walkway, public passage, road, highway, sidewalk, or structure of a school or a

public property within 200 feet of a school. Includes an exemption for any person having a medical emergency or any person who, as a result of a disability, is utilizing a wheelchair or other, similar wheeled chair device to move about within two hundred feet from a school.

[SB 108](#) – Relating to Instructional Materials. Adopts the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard for use by the Department of Education in preparation of instructional materials for eligible students. Defines "eligible student" in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Copyright Act. Requires the Department of Education to obtain instructional materials in accessible formats whenever available from the publisher or the National Instructional Materials Access Center when materials are not available from the publisher in the appropriate, accessible format needed by an eligible student. Requires instructional materials to be sufficient for grade level progress by eligible students. Requires the Department of Education to provide assistive technology devices and services for eligible students. Repeals requirements for publishers to provide computer diskettes conforming to American Standard Code for Information Interchange.

- VI. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.
- VII. Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment

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