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[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 129 (HSCR285) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO RECOUNTS. Provides that a mandatory recount shall occur when the difference in votes cast is equal to or less than 100 votes or one-quarter of 1% of the total number of votes cast for the contest, whichever is lesser. Establishes that the filing deadline for a complaint for a contest for cause that arises from a mandatory recount shall be the same as the filing deadline for complaints for contests in which no mandatory recount was held.	JDC
HB 470, HD2, SD1 (SSCR1291) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO MINORS. Requires providers of no cost emergency shelter and related services to maintain separation for unrelated adults and minor children. Makes permanent the amendments to the definition of "provider" to include organizations that are not child placing organizations or child caring institutions that meet certain criteria. Effective 6/30/2050. (SD1)	HHS, JDC
HB 824, HD2 (SSCR1203) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO MEDICAL RELEASE. Creates a medical release program within the department of public safety for certain ill or impaired inmates who pose a low risk to public safety. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	PSM, JDC
SB 2181 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COURT INTERPRETERS. Requires the Judiciary to increase the hourly fees, mileage reimbursement rate, and commuter-time compensation rate for court interpreters. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	JDC, WAM

SB 2107

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO SPECIAL COUNSEL.

Allows the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to assume the Attorney General's powers and responsibilities over an investigation of a person or matter when the investigation or prosecution of, or any other legal or administrative action against the person or matter by the Department of the Attorney General, may present a conflict of interest.

JDC, WAM

SB 2138

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Requires that each vote cast for a question on a ballot for the ratification of a constitutional amendment be counted in the negative only if the ballot properly indicates that the vote is in the negative.

JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair