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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
TIME: 3:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 412, HD1

[\(HSCR815\)](#)

[Status &
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RELATING TO LOBBYING.

Establishes certain presumptions regarding lobbying on behalf of private clients. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of the state lobbying law. Expands the definition of "lobbying" in the state lobbying law to include certain communications with high-level government officials regarding procurement decisions. Effective 1/1/2027. (HD1)

GVO, JDC

HB 131

[\(HSCR802\)](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RESEARCH.

Allows agencies to disclose government records to researchers for certain research purposes.

GVO, JDC

HB 792, HD1

[\(HSCR1097\)](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Clarifies the office of the legislative analyst. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

GVO, WAM

HB 1424, HD1

[\(HSCR914\)](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.

Prohibits the transfer of funds appropriated for positions to operating expenses, and vice versa, except to fulfill the Legislature's purpose for which the funds were appropriated. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

GVO, WAM

<u>HB 1153, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1002)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS. Authorizes supplemental allotments and transfers of unrequired balances for capital improvement program projects and establishes a protocol fund with a cap of \$7,000 for each state principal department. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GVO, WAM
<u>HB 1297, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR994)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Sets a time limit for submitting bid protests. Makes the 75-day limit for written decision on protest apply to any contract awarded by competitive sealed bid or competitive sealed proposal. Caps the protest bond amount. Deletes the requirement of an administrative hearing office finding that an appeal is frivolous or in bad faith before the protest bond is forfeited to the State by the non-prevailing party. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GVO, WAM/JDC
<u>HB 988, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR991)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Prohibits a procurement officer from disclosing a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation scores, except the summary of scores, during a debriefing requested by a non-selected offeror. Authorizes the disclosure of a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation scores after a protest is resolved and the contract is executed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GVO, WAM
<u>HB 1187, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1110)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Phases in a ban on state departments and administratively attached agencies from purchasing imported flowers and lei. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GVO, WAM
<u>HB 987, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR857)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes a procurement automation system special fund. Adds the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a chief procurement officer. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GVO, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey
Chair