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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025
TIME: 9:45 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

HB 127, HD1 (HSCR819) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE. Requires bail to be set in an amount that the defendant can afford based on certain factors. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
HB 395, HD1 (HSCR1133) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO JURY DUTY. Increases the amount each juror or prospective juror is paid for each day of actual attendance at court. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
HB 396, HD1 (HSCR1134) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL. Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
HB 398, HD1 (HSCR1135) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION. Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court proceedings. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
HB 399, HD1 (HSCR1136) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES. Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM

<u>HB 401, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1137)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES. Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the Third Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
<u>HB 560, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1139)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. Appropriates funds to the Judiciary for services contracted with community-based organizations that deliver essential services, streamline judicial processes, and support the judiciary's capacity to effectively meet the needs of vulnerable households. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
<u>HB 648, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1140)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES. Establishes a two-year pilot program in the Probate Court and Family Court of the First Circuit to fund certain guardianship- and conservatorship-related court resources in situations where the respondent does not have sufficient funds to pay for one or more of the resources and the court has deemed the resource or resources beneficial. Requires the Judiciary to submit reports to the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM
<u>HB 990, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1146)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	JDC, WAM
<u>HB 991, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR812)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS. Clarifies that the Department of the Attorney General may conduct fingerprint-based background checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation on contractors and contractors' employees. (HD1)	JDC
<u>HB 998</u> <u>(HSCR800)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CONTENTS OF CITATIONS. Clarifies that the omission of certain information or any error in a citation does not constitute ground for dismissal of a charge or for reversal of a conviction, if the omission or error did not prejudice the defendant.	JDC
<u>HB 1174, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR982)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST LAWSUITS. Allows for the interest earned on payments under protest in the litigated claims fund to be paid in nontaxation cases if the claimant prevails. Establishes a procedure for the disposition of moneys and refiling of actions when a payment under protest suit is filed prematurely. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair