

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 7, 2025  
TIME: 9:30AM  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 411  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 628, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR42\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a program to award high school diplomas to persons who did not receive a diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the armed services and persons whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, PBS, FIN

[HB 1158, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR108\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FIREFIGHTING AT COMMERCIAL HARBORS.  
Limits civil liability of individuals who render firefighting services with a firefighting vessel at any of the State's commercial harbors or roadsteads, any commercial harbor or waterfront improvement belonging to or controlled by the State, or any vessel within a commercial harbor or roadstead to only damages resulting from an individual's gross negligence or wanton acts or omissions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TRN, PBS, JHA



<a href="#">HB 1159, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR112)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS. Requires masters or persons in charge of vessels to follow an order by a harbor master to evacuate a commercial harbor in emergencies. Establishes higher penalties for noncompliance. Includes fines collected for violations to be paid into the Harbor Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, PBS, JHA
<a href="#">HB 1262</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. Adds, as an allowable use of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, economic payments to certain residents who have incurred losses in a disaster for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency.	PBS, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1296</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND. Establishes timely notice and reporting requirements to the Legislature by the Governor regarding the transfer of appropriations to the major disaster fund.	PBS, FIN

### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. Della Au Belatti  
Chair

