

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: JDC

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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A G E N D A

SB 2151, SD1

(SSCR2131)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

PSM, JDC

Clarifies state and local authority during a state or local state of emergency. Defines "severe weather warning". Amends the definitions of "disaster" and "emergency" to limit the use of emergency powers except to address sudden events that cause or are likely to cause catastrophic harm or immediate danger. Allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency and city councils to terminate a local state of emergency. (SD1)

Decision making meeting; no public testimony will be accepted as public testimony was accepted at prior hearings.

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