

THE SENATE
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 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 159, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1366) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES. Exempts the notarization requirement for renewals of liquor licenses. (SD1)	CPN, JDC
SB 2683 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO DEFAMATION. Protects individuals who make claims of sexual misconduct from defamation lawsuits unless the claims were proven to be made with malice.	JDC
SB 2702 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Specifies that the practice of election fraud intimidation includes carrying any firearm or weapon and photographing the face of any voter without permission from both the voter and an appropriate election official when those actions occur at or near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place.	JDC
SB 2706 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS. Expands eligibility for, and automates, the expungement of conviction records if certain criteria are met. Beginning 12/1/2026, requires the Attorney General to issue automatic expungement orders and the Judiciary to seal or remove information from publicly accessible databases.	JDC
SB 2522 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT. Allows persons convicted of certain criminal violations to apply to the court for an expungement order under certain circumstances.	JDC

SB 2757

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.

Aligns state sex trafficking laws with federal law by making the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor a form of sex trafficking.

JDC

SB 2758

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.

Authorizes civil claims to be made against a business, owner, or operator of a transient accommodation, or other commercial entity that profits from sexual exploitation.

JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair