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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
TIME: 9:40 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: JDC

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A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

SB 2981 (SSCR2594) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO LAND USE. Beginning 7/1/2027, prohibits minimum off-street parking requirements for any new development in an urban district. Requires each county to amend or repeal any charter provision, ordinance, code, standard, or administrative procedure that imposes a minimum off-street parking requirement by 7/1/2027.	WLA/EIG/HOU, JDC
SB 2982, SD1 (SSCR2518) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Prohibits foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes. Requires every business entity that contributes or expends funds in a state election to certify that the entity was not a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity when the contribution or expenditure was made. Specifies that if the conditions that determine whether a business entity qualifies as a foreign-influenced business entity are held unconstitutional by a final judgment, including all appeals, the Campaign Spending Commission is required to establish revised conditions that are constitutional. Requires noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a statement of certification from each top contributor required to be listed in an advertisement avowing that no funds were derived from foreign entities or foreign-influenced business entities. Exempts entities engaged in transporting cargo and subject to section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. Effective 1/1/2028. (SD1)	WLA, JDC

<p>SB 2983, SD1 (SSCR2417) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Establishes the offense of criminal destruction of a tree on state or county property, punishable as a misdemeanor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, JDC</p>
<p>SB 2986, SD1 (SSCR2519) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION. Authorizes the Land Use Commission to amend, revise, or modify a decision and order granting a district boundary amendment, or fine a petitioner, upon finding that a petitioner or its successors or assigns have not adhered to the conditions imposed by the commission, regardless of whether there has been substantial commencement of use of the land. Defines "substantial commencement". (SD1)</p>	<p>WLA, JDC</p>
<p>SB 2991 (SSCR2448) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. Clarifies that persons whose driver's licenses have been revoked for certain alcohol-related offenses are required to undergo reexamination before the examiner of drivers may relicense the person.</p>	<p>TRS, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3001, SD1 (SSCR2388) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users. Requires operators to develop protocols to prevent the production of suicidal ideations in account holders and users. Establishes protections for minor account holders of conversational artificial intelligence services. Beginning January 1, 2028, requires operators to submit annual reports to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs containing certain information. Allows the Department of the Attorney General to bring a civil action against operators who violate certain requirements and establishes statutory penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN/LBT, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3010, SD1 (SSCR2370) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT. Allows law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet animal that is endangered by being left or confined in an unattended vehicle. Allows private citizens to rescue a pet animal that has been left in an unattended vehicle under certain circumstances. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3014 (SSCR2622) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WILDLIFE. Increases the fines for taking or harassing protected turtles in the State.</p>	<p>WLA/AEN, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3032, SD1 (SSCR2522) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO BEACHES. Clarifies that the prohibition on the taking or mining of beach or marine deposits, including sand, seaward from the shoreline includes licensed and unlicensed contractors. (SD1)</p>	<p>WLA, JDC</p>

[SB 3033, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR2595\)](#)

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RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.

WLA/EIG, JDC

Allows public petition to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for review of the integrity of beach structures.

Requires the Department to recommend the applicable county agency to order the owner of any beach structure determined to be imminently threatened to resolve, mitigate, and plan for the harmful effects of the beach structure. Effective 7/1/2050.
(SD1)

Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.

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Chair