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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

**MEASURES DEFERRED TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: GVO

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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**SB 3294**

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RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

Establishes the procedure that a court of the State shall follow upon the reversal or vacation of an individual's judgment or conviction on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the State to pay advance compensation to any petitioner who was convicted in a court of the State, imprisoned for at least one year, and whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence. Requires the Comptroller to issue a warrant for payment of advance compensation to a petitioner. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assign a case manager to a petitioner upon the petitioner's release. Requires the State to provide medical coverage to a person for a certain duration upon the reversal or vacation of a person's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Clarifies that a person whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or who was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed, may petition for compensation. Requires the State to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the reversal or vacating of the order of conviction for a petitioner, or the pardoning of the petitioner, was inconsistent with innocence.

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