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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 10:00 A.M
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 430
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1743](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE OWNER-BUILDER EXEMPTION. HSG, CPC
Repeals the leasing restriction on owner-builders who obtain an owner-builder exemption to act as their own contractor and who build or improve residential or farm buildings or structures on property they own or lease and do not offer the buildings or structures for sale. Requires an owner or lessee to provide signed written notice that a residential structure offered for lease or sublease was built or improved by an individual who is not a licensed contractor.

[HB 2122, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR24-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING. EDN, HSG, FIN
Establishes the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers. Appropriates funds out of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 1756](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM. HSG, FIN
Updates the Individual Housing Account statute to reflect the current cost of housing down-payments more accurately.



<u>HB 1837</u>	RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM.	HSG, FIN
<u>Status</u>	For taxable years beginning 1/1/2027, increases the maximum annual deduction for contributions to, and maximum account levels for, individual housing accounts.	
<u>HB 1729</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	HSG, FIN
<u>Status</u>	Disallows the home mortgage interest deduction for second homes under state income tax law.	
<u>HB 2559</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE.	HSG, CPC
<u>Status</u>	Prohibits real estate brokers from marketing the sale of residential real estate to a limited or exclusive group of prospective buyers or brokers, with limited exception. Considers the practice a violation of the Fair Practices Act and grounds for discipline.	

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Luke A. Esvlin
Chair

