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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 2479, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR3081\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.
Allows a defendant to introduce certain evidence to receive a reduced sentence for certain offenses if the defendant can show that they were subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, and that the acts were a significant contributing factor for the offense for which the defendant is being sentenced. Allows a defendant to introduce certain relevant evidence when raising the justification defenses of self-defense or defense of others to show that the defendant was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse by the alleged victim. Allows the circuit court imposing a criminal sentence to correct or reduce the sentence and to suspend or probate all or any part of the sentence imposed. Allows a person previously sentenced by a circuit court to petition the court to be re-sentenced to a reduced sentence if the defendant can show that they were subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, and that the acts were a significant contributing factor for the offense for which the defendant was sentenced. (SD2)

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SB 2557, SD1 (SSCR2949) Status	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to make an annual report on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and on housing placement. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on contracts and plans or proposals to enhance kauhale projects. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on coordination between the office and any county, state, or federal agencies, or private or nonprofit organizations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB 2861, SD2 (SSCR2717) Status	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE. Requires the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop a comprehensive plan to establish a Kakou Pilot Program to support families and children in need. Sunsets on 6/30/2027. (SD2)	HSH, FIN
SB 3204, SD1 (SSCR2841) Status	RELATING TO FAMILY RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM. Establishes a one-year Family Resilience Pilot Program within the Office of Wellness and Resilience. Appropriates funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. Sunsets the pilot program 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB 3324, SD1 (SSCR2840) Status	RELATING TO MEDICAID. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Human Services to increase funding for certain Medicaid home- and community-based services, including residential services offered in community care foster family homes and expanded adult residential care homes. Requires the Department to obtain matching federal funds and to pursue additional funding sources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB 3325, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1291-26) Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS. Requires the Department of Education to establish an updated plan for maximizing Medicaid reimbursements for administrative and support services provided to students with special needs. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, HSH, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Lisa Marten
Chair

