

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
TIME: 9:45 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 2249</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO BRIBERY. Establishes heightened penalties for the offense of bribery under certain circumstances.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 2494</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO CORRUPTION. Establishes a statute of limitations of nine years for a bribery offense.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 2737</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO BRIBERY. Establishes the offense of failure to report bribery by a state or county elected official as a misdemeanor. Requires an elected official who knows of or witnesses the conferring, offering, solicitation, or acceptance of a pecuniary benefit in violation of the bribery statute to report the conduct to the Department of the Attorney General within sixty days.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 3071</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND MORALS. Clarifies and updates the sex trafficking and promoting prostitution criminal offense statutes by refining the definition of "profits from prostitution," establishing an affirmative defense to these offenses for certain lawful transactions, and making technical and other housekeeping amendments.	JDC

**SB 3073**

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Testimony](#)

**RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL  
EVIDENCE.**

JDC

Specifies the types of cases in which evidence must be retained post-conviction and the process by which evidence may be disposed of earlier than the standard period of retention, which includes a procedure for defendants to oppose the disposal of biological evidence by filing an objection with the court.

**SB 3281**

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**RELATING TO GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT.**

JDC

Establishes the criminal offense of promoting an illegal electronic gambling device. Authorizes civil penalties and actions relating to premises on which an illegal electronic gambling device has been used.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair