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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, March 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="#">GM 573</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOU ANN BLAKE, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.	JDC
<a href="#">HB 2095, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1209-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. Appropriates supplemental funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1520, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR908-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Clarifies that the five-year statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions of campaign finance violations begins upon discovery of the offense by the Campaign Spending Commission. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC
<a href="#">HB 1548, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR907-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO SENTENCING. Limits the maximum term of imprisonment for misdemeanors, or for offenses punishable by up to or not exceeding one year, to three hundred sixty-four days. Allows individuals previously sentenced to a one-year term of imprisonment to apply to the court for a sentence modification to conform to the new limit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JDC

[HB 2050, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1009-26\)](#)  
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS.  
Increases the expenditure limit and the amount of partial public campaign financing available for all elective offices. Adjusts the minimum amount of qualifying contributions certain candidates must receive to participate in the program. Increases the matching fund payments for excess qualifying contributions. Appropriates funds for the program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

JDC, WAM

[HB 2494, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR917-26\)](#)  
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.  
Establishes factors under which officers may arrest and detain persons without a warrant for petty misdemeanors and violations, and requires officers to document the justification for the arrests. Amends the circumstances under which officers may issue citations in lieu of arrest. Requires officers to issue citations in lieu of arrest for certain petty misdemeanors and violations, unless public safety or flight risks are present or the alleged offense involves operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant or the abuse of family or household members. Requires the Judiciary to promulgate a standardized citation form and updates the required information for citations. Requires the Criminal Justice Research Institute to submit reports. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair