

THE SENATE
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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: Friday, March 27, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

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| GM 674
Status & Testimony | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALPHONSO BRAGGS, for a term to expire 06-30-2029. | JDC |
| GM 575
Status & Testimony | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER HAMASAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. | JDC |
| HB 1838, HD2
(HSCR778-26)
Status & Testimony | RELATING TO VISAS.
Establishes uniform statewide requirements for policies and processes for the issuance of U and T visa certifications for noncitizen victims of crime that are consistent with federal laws and regulations governing U and T visas. Requires each state and county certifying entity to adopt a policy and process for the issuance of U and T visa certifications, consistent with those statewide requirements. Appropriates funds for the Department of the Attorney General to provide training to certifying entities and certifying officials on all federal and state requirements for U and T visa certifications. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2) | JDC, WAM |

HB 1960, HD2

(HSCR1133-26)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

JDC, WAM

Requires the Department of the Attorney General to develop a Human Trafficking Awareness Training Program to educate and train workers in the transient accommodations sector. Requires transient accommodations employers or transient accommodations third-party contractors to periodically provide the human trafficking awareness training to certain employees and contract workers, keep records of the training, post signage, and develop and implement a human trafficking prevention policy that includes procedures for the reporting of suspected human trafficking. Establishes penalties. Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair

