

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: LBT

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A G E N D A

[HB 1663, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR1157-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES.

Requires the State or a county to reimburse an officer or employee for work-related travel costs that the officer or employee loaned to the State or a county within thirty calendar days of submitting an approved statement of completed travel. Requires the State or a county to pay interest on a loan not reimbursed within thirty calendar days until the loan is fully reimbursed. Obligates an officer or employee to request a complete refund from the travel vendor for travel not taken. Entitles an officer or employee to reimbursement from the State or a county when a travel vendor offers a partial refund or no refund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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[HB 2335, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR798-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Establishes that certain participants in state-funded internship and workforce development programs are eligible for internal recruitment. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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[HB 2597, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR772-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website through the phased development and publishing of an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the public. Requires the Chief Data Officer to develop a system to evaluate and select artificial intelligence governance tools for use by state departments and agencies and establish a mechanism for reporting and publication of artificial intelligence use cases and artificial intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey
Chair

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