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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

OFFICIAL AGENDA

BLOCK I

Bill No. 35-0133 - An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, relating to scholarships by adding section 190gg to establish an educational scholarship program to support individuals interested in pursuing a career in the maritime industry in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington
Commissioner
Department of Education

Dr. Kyza Callwood
Chairman
Virgin Islands Board of Education

Mr. Carlton Dowe
Executive Director
V.I Port Authority

Mr. Oriel Blake
President
Virgin Islands Charter Association

Mr. Richard Difede
President
Gold Coast Yachts

Ms. Jill Hughes
Port Captain
World Ocean School

BLOCK II

Bill No. 35-0218 - An Act amending title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12 relating to unemployment benefits by reducing the number of weeks that unemployment benefits can be received; increasing the statute of limitations for the collection of overpayments of unemployment benefits from claimants and for delinquent employer contribution; allowing for the implementation of the payroll variation methodology launch in the calendar year beginning January 2024; implementing a 10-year record retention period for employers; and requiring employers to register with the Virgin Islands State Information Data Exchange System

Invited Testifier:

*Mr. Gary Molloy
Commissioner
Department of Labor*

BLOCK III

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Taxi Cab Commission including but not limited to its fiscal year 2024 revenues and expenditures.

Invited Testifiers:

*Ms. Vernice Gumbs
Executive Director
V.I. Taxi Cab Commission*

*Ms. Loretta Lloyd
Chairperson
V.I. Taxi Cab Commission*

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