



# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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*The Honorable*

***Donna A. Frett-Gregory***

Liaison to Congress

## COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

### OFFICIAL AGENDA

#### **BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

***Bill No. 35-0028*** - An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 3, section 431, adding TRICARE to medical payment reimbursements subject to the 2.5 percent Virgin Islands gross receipts tax. (*Sponsored by: Senator Franklin D. Johnson*)

#### ***Invited Testifiers:***

Mr. Joel A. Lee, CPA CGMA CFE  
Director – V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

Mr. Patrick Farrell  
State Director – V.I. Office of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Arakere Prasad  
Primary Care, PLLC

***Bill No. 35-0054*** - An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, relating to the Centennial Treasures Award, to provide for a single, lumpsum award payment. (*Sponsored by: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff*)

#### ***Invited Testifiers:***

Ms. Kimberly Causey-Gomez  
Commissioner – Department of Human Services

Ms. Jenifer O'Neal  
Director – V.I. Office of Management and Budget

#### **BLOCK II – 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

***Bill No. 35-0050*** - An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 3, chapter 7, by designating the existing provisions as subchapter I and adding a subchapter II establishing the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance within the Virgin Islands Department of Education for budgetary purposes; amending title 33, chapter 111, section 3092a, changing the Education Maintenance Fund to the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund; and making an appropriation of \$2,500,000 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund and for other related purposes. (*Sponsored by: Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Marise C. James and Angel Bolques, Jr.*)

***Invited Testifiers:***

Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington  
Commissioner – V.I. Department of Education

Ms. Bosede A. Bruce  
Commissioner – V.I. Department of Finance

Dr. Kyza Callwood  
Chairman – V.I. Board of Education

Ms. Jeanette Smith-Barry  
Resident, Former STT/STJ District Superintendent

**BLOCK III – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

***Bill No. 35-0026*** - An Act amending title 22 Virgin Islands Code relating to insurers becoming members of a Federal Home Loan Bank and matters relating thereto. (*Sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory*)

***Invited Testifiers:***

Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq.  
Acting Director, Division of Banking, Insurance  
and Financial Regulations

Mr. George Dudley, Esq.  
Dudley Newman Feuerzeig LLP  
representing Guardian Insurance Company

Jonathan West  
Chief Legal Adviser Officer  
Federal Home Loan Bank NY

Theresa Fabella  
President, Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty  
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