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The Honorable Senator

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Committee on Education and Workforce

## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE AGENDA

11:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix.** The Committee will receive a status update from the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture. The Committee will also, consider Bill No 35-0257, "An Act to develop and produce an annual US Virgin Islands Beer, Wine and Spirits Festival."

### **BLOCK I - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture to include vacancies within the Department of Agriculture, inventory and condition of equipment, status on the renewal of the leasing agreement for farmers, status updates on grants issued to the department, status updates on the St. Croix Abattoir, and a list of licensed farmers in the USVI.

#### **Invited Testifier:**

**The Honorable Dr. Louis Petersen**  
Commissioner Nominee  
Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture

### **RECESS – 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### **BLOCK II – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

The Committee will consider Bill No 35-0257, "An Act to Develop and Produce an Annual US Virgin Islands Beer, Wine, and Spirits Festival," **Sponsored by Senator Diane T. Capehart.**

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte**  
Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

#### **Akeel St. Jean**

Chairman of the Board  
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