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Committee on Education & Workforce Development

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Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
St. Croix, USVI

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Meeting Agenda

BLOCK I:

The Committee will receive a status update from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, **the Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board** the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board, the Division of Personnel, and the Office of Collective Bargaining regarding their organization's role in the workforce development system in the Virgin Islands, specifically addressing recruitment and retention of employees, employment opportunities in the Virgin Islands Government, workforce development programs and the services provided to help people find, prepare for, and maintain employment.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

Michael Carty, Chairman, VI State Workforce Development Board

Joane Murphy, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Career & Technical Education Board

Cindy L. Richardson, Director, Virgin Islands Division of Personnel

Joss N. Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

BLOCK II:

Bill No. 35-0240, "An Act transferring the administration of the Government Insurance Fund from the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Finance to the Commissioner of Virgin Islands Department of Labor and amending various sections of title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 to facilitate better recovery for injury or disease that arises out of and in the course of employment in the Virgin Islands under the Workers' Compensation Administration, and to ensure that workers entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits receive medical coverage, rehabilitation services, and disability compensation without undue delay by merging the benefits and payment components of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Program." **Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Finance

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

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