BILL NO.   36-0206

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 17, 2025

An act requiring the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to expand the potable water distribution system, perform necessary upgrades to the existing potable water distribution system, and install fire hydrants in Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas

PROPOSED BY: Senator Avery L. Lewis

1   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2   **SECTION 1.** The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("VIWAPA") shall

3   perform the following work in Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas:

4   (a)   expand the potable water distribution system to the unserved areas;

5   (b)   perform the necessary upgrades to the existing potable water distribution system to

6   achieve sufficient water pressure; and

7   (c)   install and maintain at least two additional fire hydrants.

8   **SECTION 2.** (a) The Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services shall assist

9   VIWAPA with the placement of the fire hydrants in section 1, subsection (c).

10   (b)   VIWAPA is required to complete the work in section 1 within one year from the

11   enactment of this act.

12   (c)   VIWAPA shall submit bimonthly progress reports on the status of the work in

13   section 1 to the Legislature's Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and

14   Consumer Protection.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill requires the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("VIWAPA") to expand the potable water distribution system and perform necessary upgrades to the existing potable water distribution system in Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas. The bill also requires VIWAPA, in coordination with the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services, to install and maintain at least two additional fire hydrants in Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas. VIWAPA is required to complete the work within one year from the enactment of this act and submit progress reports to the Legislature.

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