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Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety



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Member, Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning
Member, Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture
Member, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The 36th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands to consider the following official agenda.

OFFICIAL AGENDA – REVISED I

BLOCK I

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will receive an update on the operations of the V.I. Bureau of Corrections to include but not limited to the following:

- Status of the federal consent decree and payments made to the independent monitoring team.
- Status on staffing (including recruitment and retention), staff safety, healthcare, sanitation and fire safety at all Bureau of Corrections facilities and at facilities where inmates are housed.
- Status of all capital projects and capital improvement projects.

Invited Testifier(s):

*Honorable Wynnne Testamark
Director
V.I. Bureau of Corrections*

BLOCK II

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will receive an update on the operations of the V.I. Police Department to include but not limited to the following:

- Status of Executive Order 547-2026.
- Status of the territory-wide camera project.
- An update on the most recent crime spree in the territory (robberies and homicides) inclusive of the department's short-term approach for resolution.
- An update on the department's long-term crime prevention and/or reduction plan for the territory.



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Invited Testifier(s):

*Honorable Mario Brooks
Commissioner
V.I. Police Department*

BLOCK III

Bill No. 36-0301 - An act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code prohibiting incarcerated persons from possessing or using electronic communication or recording devices (Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens)

Invited Testifier(s):

*Honorable Wynn Timermark
Director
V.I. Bureau of Corrections*

Bill No. 36-0231 - An act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part III, chapter 401, by adding section 4507a to establish procedures for inmate transfers outside of the Virgin Islands. (Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens)

Invited Testifier(s):

*Honorable Wynn Timermark
Director
V.I. Bureau of Corrections*

*Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.
Attorney General of the Virgin Islands
Virgin Islands Department of Justice*

*Mr. Martial A. Webster, Sr., Esq.
Owner
Law Offices of Martial A. Webster, Sr., P.C.*

*Mr. Jomo Meade, Esq
Chief Territorial Public Defender
Office of the Territorial Public Defender*

*Mr. Dennis Howell
Chairman
V.I. Parole Board*



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Block IV

Bill No. 36-0242 - An act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 305, subchapter I, section 3561, subsection (a), by granting peace officer status to enforcement officers of the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation. **(Sponsored by: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger)**

Invited Testifier(s):

Honorable Vincent L. Roberts

Commissioner

V.I. Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation

Honorable Mario Brooks

Commissioner

V.I. Police Department

Bill No. 36-0303 - An act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 38, section 424 to update child passenger safety requirements applicable to rental vehicle. **(Sponsored by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.)**

Invited Testifier(s):

Honorable Mario Brooks

Commissioner

V.I. Police Department

Ms. Denise Gomes

Occupant Protection Program Manager

Virgin Islands Office of Highway Safety

cc: All Senators
Legislative Staff
Media