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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

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 Wynn Timermark
Director
V.I. Bureau of Corrections*

BLOCK II

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 Testifiers:

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



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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 Testifiers:

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

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

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

Block III

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 Testifiers:

*Honorable Vincent L. Roberts
Commissioner
V.I. Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation*

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

cc: All Senators
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