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COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The 36th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 10:00 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 II

BLOCK I

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety receive an update on the operations of the Bureau of Corrections, including but not limited to:

- Status of the federal consent decree, to include the joint motion filed to terminate court-ordered monitoring of medical services at the John Bell Adult Correctional Facility.
- Status on payments to all vendors, to include the independent monitoring team.
- Status on staffing, 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.
- Status of the Bureau of Corrections long term plans for staffing recruitment and retention, improvement of facilities, and strategic initiative, to include those aimed at rehabilitation of inmates and reducing recidivism.

Invited Testifier:

*Ms. Wynnie Testamark
Director, V.I. Bureau of Corrections*

BLOCK II

Bill No. 36-0105 - An act amending title 7 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter III by prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, delta-6 THC, delta-8 THC and delta-10 THC products in the Virgin Islands and for other related purposes (Sponsored by: Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.)



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Invited Testifiers:

*Honorable Mario Brooks
Commissioner
Virgin Islands Police Department*

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

*Honorable Justa "Tita" Encarnacion
Commissioner
V.I. Department of Health*

*Ms. Joanne Moorehead
Executive Director
V.I. Office of Cannabis Regulation*

*Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge
Commissioner
V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs*

*Ms. Riise Richards
Chair, V.I. Industrial Hemp Commission
Deputy Commissioner, VI Department of Agriculture*

*Mr. William Waldo
Owner, Virgin Abis*

*Ms. Lindsey Rithamel
Owner, The Remedy*

Cc: All Senators
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