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FROM: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

DATED: August 30, 2023

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing -10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature’s Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The Committee is expected to receive testimony from the Bureau of Corrections (BOC) and updates from the Virgin Islands Territorial Management Agency (VITEMA) and supporting agencies, relative to preparation for the current hurricane season. This is an in-person hearing.

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Bill 35-0045, an Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole by adding section 4601a to establish Medical Parole as a basis for parole; further amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 by adding section 4601b to establish Geriatric Parole as a basis for parole and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifier:

Testifier	Title	Department/Agency
Wynnie Testamark	Director	V.I. Bureau of Corrections
Dennis Howell	Chairman	V.I. Parole Board

BOC officials are also expected to give testimony pursuant to a subpoena dated August 4, 2023. Testimony should include matters related to inmates remanded to the care, custody and control of the Bureau who are housed at off-island facilities. Specifically, about the Bureau’s director or staff’s visits to the facility and inmates, availability of academic and vocational programs and other related topics.

BLOCK II - 1 p.m.

The Committee is expected to receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and supporting agencies relative to the state of readiness as we enter the peak of the 2023 Hurricane Season. Topics of discussions will include infrastructure, shelters, emergency housing, public safety and more.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Hon. Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Hon. Daryl Jaschen	Director	VITEMA
MG Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker	Adjutant General	V.I. National Guard
Hon. Kimberly Causey-Gomez	Commissioner	Human Services Department
Hon. Daryl A. George	Director	V.I. Fire/ EMS
Hon. Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	Public Works Department

cc: All Senators
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