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## SENATOR JOSEPH ANNOUNCES JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING FOR THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

ST. THOMAS, USVI - Senator Carla Joseph, Chair of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection, announced that the Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, beginning at 9 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.

The Committee will receive testimony on Bill 34-0034 to enact the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act and Bill 34-0048 to limit the amount charged in electric power bills based on estimated consumption. The Committee will also review the operations of the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement (DPP), Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), and the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

In Block I, the Committee will receive testimony on Bill 34-0034, An Act amending Title 1 Virgin Islands Code to enacting the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. Invited testifiers on Bill 34-0034 include Attorney Tom Bolt, Chair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Law Commission, Attorney Libby Synder, Legislative Counsel of the Uniform Law Commission, Troy de Chabert Schuster, State Director AARP of the Virgin Islands, and Leslie Street, Director of the Wolf Law Library. Senator Carla Joseph is the Bill sponsor.

In Block II, the Committee will receive testimony on Bill No. 34-0048, An Act amending Title 30 Virgin Islands Code, Section 125 to limit the amount charged in electric power bills based on estimated consumption. Testifiers include Mr. Noel Hodge, Interim Executive Director/CEO of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, and the Honorable Donald Cole, Director of the Public Service Commission. Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr. is the Bill sponsor.

Anyone interested in testifying on Bills 34-0034 or 34-0048 should contact Senator Joseph's office no later than 4 PM on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Other invited testifiers scheduled to appear at the Monday, June 14, 2021 Committee Meeting include Property and Procurement Commissioner Anthony Thomas, DPNR Commissioner Jean-Pierre Oriol, and BMV Director Barbara McIntosh.