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The House Judiciary Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:30pm, or 1 hour after adjournment of the House of Representatives, whichever is later, in Room 516** of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The Judiciary committee staff has attempted to contact the interested parties of all bills listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Written testimony may be emailed to HJudComm@schouse.gov.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

In executive session, receipt of legal briefing from outside counsel, Walt Wilkins, on behalf of the South Carolina House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

GENERAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable Report

H. 4641– Rep. Pope - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [44-53-190](#), RELATING TO SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD KRATOM TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LISTED IN SCHEDULE I; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 20 OF CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROBATE LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable with Amendment Report

H. 3408 - Rep. Haddon - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY ANY UNITED STATES-DECLARED FOREIGN ADVERSARY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS ARE VOID.

Favorable Report

H. 4754 - Rep. Yow - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 33-31-1709 SO AS TO ESTABLISH NEUTRAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW GOVERNING THE OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER, AND RELEASE OF TRUST INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY OF LOCAL CHURCHES DISAFFILIATING WITH STATE OR NATIONAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ASSERTS A TRUST INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

CRIMINAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable with Amendment Report

H. 3047 - Rep. Moss - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [16-11-705](#) SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY RELEASING, ORGANIZING THE RELEASE OF, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH GAS THAT IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION [16-11-700](#), RELATING TO THE DUMPING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPTIONS, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOONS IN THE LITTER STATUTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [16-11-710](#), RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH BOND IN LIEU OF AN IMMEDIATE COURT APPEARANCE IN LITTER CONTROL PROSECUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE BALLOON STATUTE WHEN A CASH BOND IS ALLOWED.

Favorable Report

H. 3597- Rep. Robbins - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.

Favorable Report

H. 5401 - **Rep. Robbins** - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-37, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH NEW OFFENSES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-84, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT BONDSMEN FROM KNOWINGLY CONTRACTING WITH, REFERRING, OR OTHERWISE UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF AN UNCERTIFIED ELECTRONIC MONITORING COMPANY.

Favorable Report

H. 5288 - **Rep. J.E. Johnson** - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-136 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE CARGO THEFT OFFENSES, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

This is not an exclusive list of bills to be discussed. The agenda is subject to change.