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In Case You Missed It:

[NCSC Creates AI Literacy Curriculum for Judges](#)

[House Speaker Floating Plan to Limit Statewide Injunctions; WOUB, October 20, 2025](#)

[The Supreme Court's 11th Annual Veterans Summit will take place on November 20, 2025](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 56](#) (Sen. Huffman) **Marijuana and Hemp**, amended by Senate and sent to Conference Committee, 10.22.25. The bill generally makes regulatory changes to the Marijuana Control Law. It prohibits the unlicensed sale of intoxicating hemp products (M1 at first offense and F5 for each subsequent offense). DCPs (drinkable cannabinoid products) are regulated in the bill, with a penalty for selling a DCP to someone under 21 (F5) and a penalty for having an open container in public (MM). The bill authorizes law enforcement to arrest an individual who operates a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating hemp or a DCP. The bill allows an application for expungement of prior convictions of drug possession (no more than 2.5 oz. of marijuana & no more than 15 g of hashish).
- [SB 295](#) (Sens. Manning, Patton) **Restoration of Competency in Criminal Cases**, introduced 10.21.25. The bill increases the time a defendant can be treated and evaluated for restoration to competency from 1 year to 5 years, if the most serious offense with which the defendant is charged is aggravated murder, murder, an offense of violence punishable by death or life imprisonment, or complicity to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.
- [HB 532](#) (Rep. K. Miller) **Immediate Child Custody**, introduced 10.21.25. The bill requires a public children services agency to take immediate custody of specified children who cannot be released to a parent, guardian, or custodian.
- [HB 533](#) (Rep. K. Miller) **Vehicular Homicide**, introduced 10.21.25. The bill adds the following to the list of vehicles, the use of which could result in vehicular homicide or vehicular assault: under-speed vehicles, motorized bicycles or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor scooters, and all-purpose vehicles.
- [HB 550](#) (Reps. Salvo, Williams) **Compensatory Parenting Time**, introduced 10.28.25. The bill requires a court to order compensatory parenting time, companionship or visitation for failure to comply with, or interference with, an order providing for parenting time, companionship or visitation.
- [HB 553](#) (Reps. Mohamed, Upchurch) **Rent Default**, introduced 10.28.25. The bill requires landlords to notify tenants of rent defaults prior to commencing evictions.
- [HB 556](#) (Reps. Mathews, Williams) **Community Control**, introduced 10.28.25. The bill generally limits community control terms to 5 years for F1s and F2s and 3 years for F3s, F4s, and F5s.
- [HB 557](#) (Rep. Williams) **Judicial Release**, introduced 10.28.25. The bill prohibits the denial of judicial release based solely on the offense level of the defendant.
- [SJR 8](#) (Sen. Huffman) **Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish**, introduced 10.28.25. The resolution would put language on the ballot to make hunting and fishing constitutional rights.
- A provision in the state budget, [HB 96](#), effective 9.30.25, **requires a defendant to be committed to ODRC custody if PRC is to be imposed**. If a defendant is released from the county without being committed (physically or electronically) to ODRC, that defendant will *not* be placed on PRC supervision by the APA. ([R.C. 2967.28](#), [5120.16](#))

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