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Kratom Working Group

The Kratom Working Group, created by the Legislative Management Chairman in preparation for the upcoming special session, held its first meeting on August 7. The working group heard testimony from members of the Legislative Assembly regarding kratom concerns and regulation and constituent testimonials. Testimony addressed the distinction between natural kratom leaf products and those containing adulterated substances or synthetic alkaloids like 7-OH. On Wednesday, August 12, the Kratom Working Group will meet to hear testimony from the public as well as from scientific and clinical experts.

New: Education Center Webpage

Recently, several changes were made to the legislative branch website, one of which was combining the *How To* and *FAQs* pages into one area - the *Education Center*. The new webpage is divided into two sections: one with information relevant to legislators and the other to the general public.

The *Public* section contains links to three pages. The *Learning* and *How To* pages contain materials previously found on the *FAQs* page, such as links to webpages explaining how the legislative branch functions and how members of the public can become involved in the legislative process. The *Helpful Videos* page contains videos from the previous *How To* videos page. These include videos about submitting bill testimony, contacting legislators, watching live and archived video of committee meetings and floor sessions, and viewing bills, resolutions, and legislative histories.

The *Legislator Resources* section contains links to documents that legislators frequently look for, including the computer use policy, travel reimbursement information, and salary and reimbursement information.

The Legislative Council will continue adding new items and resources to the *Education Center* webpage to better inform legislators and the public regarding the legislative process.

Upcoming Meetings

August

12 Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board
Kratom Working Group

13 Artificial Intelligence and Data Center

17 Legislative Management

18 Judiciary

19 Advanced Nuclear Energy
Higher Education Funding Review

26 Tax Reform and Relief Advisory

September

1 Artificial Intelligence and Data Center

2 Special Session convenes

8 Agriculture and Water Management

9 Human Services

14 Administrative Rules
Legislative Procedure and Arrangements

16 Special Education Funding

17 Water Topics Overview

21-22 Higher Education Institutions

22 Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review

24 Information Technology

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