



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CALL FOR FACE TO FACE OR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights ('Committee') has commenced its review of the ***Education Bill (Bill No. 34 of 2025)***, ***Criminal Records Bill (Bill No. 41 of 2025)***, and the ***National Referendum Bill (Bill No. 46 of 2025)***.

Education Bill (No. 34 of 2025)

The Education Bill 2025 ('Bill') seeks to repeal and replace the Education Act 1966. It also seeks to repeal the Higher Education Act 2008 and the Fiji Teachers Registration Act 2008 to bring higher education and teacher registration matters under a single education umbrella legislation.

Criminal Records Bill (No. 41 of 2025)

The Criminal Records Bill 2025 ('Bill') provides for certain convictions to be spent or expunged and, fixed penalty offences to be expiated to give rehabilitated individuals a clean slate in relation to criminal records.

National Referendum Bill (No. 46 of 2025)

The National Referendum Bill 2025 ('Bill') seeks to provide a framework for the conduct of a national referendum in Fiji.

In that regard, the Committee cordially invites any interested person or institution wishing to provide their views and comments on the Bills, to attend a walk-in consultation on the following dates;

Bill	Date	Time	Venue
National Referendum Bill	Monday 19 January 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BCR 2, Parliament Precinct, Suva
National Referendum Bill	Tuesday 20 January 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BCR 2, Parliament Precinct, Suva
Education Bill	Wednesday 21 January 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BCR 2, Parliament Precinct, Suva
Education Bill	Thursday 22 January 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BCR 2, Parliament Precinct, Suva
Criminal Records Bill	Friday 23 January 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BCR 2, Parliament Precinct, Suva

The Committee also invites written submissions on the Bills. Individuals or organizations wishing to provide submissions are requested to contact the Committee Secretariat via the following channels:

- Email: jackson_cakacaka@yahoo.com jackson.cakacaka@legislature.gov.fj and alumita.cabealawa@legislature.gov.fj
- Mobile: 9908 595 or 934 7570

All submissions will be duly considered as part of the Committee's deliberations on the Bill.

A copy of the Bills can be found on the Fiji Parliament website, via the link:

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