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### Second Public Consultation on the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025– University of Belize, Belmopan

-Today, **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee convened a Public Consultation once again, gathering feedback on the **Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025**. The session began at **10:35 A.M.** drawing participation from citizens.

The consultation is part of the Committee's ongoing efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and public engagement in Belize's legislative reform process. The Thirteenth (Amendment) Bill proposes significant changes to the Constitution of Belize, and the Committee recognizes the importance of ensuring that such amendments are considered through inclusive dialogue and public discourse as part of the legislative process.

Members of the Committee who were present at today's consultation were Honourable Henry Charles Usher, Honourable Marconi Leal Jr., Honourable Tracy Panton, and Honourable Godwin Haylock.

During the opening remarks, the Pro Tem Chairperson, Honourable Henry Charles Usher welcomed all attendees to the Public Consultation and invited Mr. Randall Sheppard, Assistant Solicitor General, Legislative Drafting Unit, Attorney General's Ministry, to present an overview of the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025. Following his presentation, Superintendent Ms. Stacy Smith of the Belize Police Department, along with Mr. Andrew Dawson, Director of the (LIU) Leadership Intervention Unit and Mr. Jose Manzanilla also from the (LIU) delivered presentations. These sessions, held throughout both the morning and afternoon, laid the groundwork for the discourse surrounding the merits of the proposed legislation.

Members of the public shared their views and raised concerns directly to the Committee. The consultation concluded at **2:30 P.M.**

The National Assembly encourages all citizens to stay informed and get involved in constitutional matters for the greater benefit of the country. Updates related to the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025 will continue to be made available on the National Assembly's official website: [www.nationalassembly.gov.bz](http://www.nationalassembly.gov.bz)

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