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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7115](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC3608/1} (Provides that public bodies not be required to hold open-forum sessions on any topic not on the meeting notice and limits comment on any topic not previously posted.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7129](#)**

**BY Edwards, Kennedy, Casimiro, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ackerman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC3764/1} (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7181](#)**

**BY Serpa, Solomon, Phillips, J. Brien, Corvese, Edwards, Hull, Knight, Ackerman, Newberry**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC3948/1} (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7327](#)**

**BY Azzinaro, Hull, Noret, Solomon, Kennedy**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4278/1} (Requires a member of the public to pay any outstanding balances due and owing for previous requests before being provided copies of records and documents on a new request from law enforcement agencies.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7759](#)**

**BY Kazarian, Dawson, Boylan, Knight, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, McGaw**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION {LC5544/1}** (Directs the department of transportation to prepare a monthly snapshot report on the progress of repairs and other actions pertaining to the Washington Bridge.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7763](#)**

**BY Newberry, Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Place, Roberts**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC**  
**RECORDS {LC4957/1}** (Provides for free APRA records, DOA manages all APRA Records, and uses an online database for records.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7764](#)**

**BY Felix, Henries, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Potter, Cruz**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN**  
**MEETINGS {LC5432/1}** (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7846](#)**

**BY Lima, Cardillo, Costantino**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC**  
**RECORDS {LC5566/1}** (Makes any record of any person, firm, or corporation that successfully competes for state contract or business, a public record, including those records that are considered proprietary or otherwise confidential.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8010](#)**

**BY McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Boylan, Fogarty, Alzate, Kislak, Kazarian, Potter**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE**  
**PURCHASES {LC5320/1}** (Establishes the Rhode Island purchasing cooperative for procurement of public service and municipal vehicles for all state and municipal agencies to participate in procurement opportunities of zero-emission vehicles.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8011](#)**

**BY P. Morgan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PURCHASES -- CHANGE ORDERS

{LC5446/1} (Prohibits the extension of contracts by any state or municipal department or agency by the utilization of change orders if the additional work or services exceeds ten percent (10%) of the original value of the contract.)

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03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8012](#)**

**BY Lima, Cardillo, Costantino**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES {LC5568/1} (Makes all documents and information related to any bid proposal relative to state purchases public records and available for inspection and review by any person seeking the records under chapter 2 of title 38 after the opening of the bids.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8016](#)**

**BY P. Morgan**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTORE THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POINT JUDITH BREAKWATER

{LC5444/1}

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