
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

**H-7812 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR
H-7816 AS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7432](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT {LC4268/1} (Provides that no person, for over ten days, shall be restricted from enforcing a right under any pledge, security, credit, guarantee agreement, arrangement or other agreement credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7509](#)

BY Finkelman, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC4378/1} (Provides that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education would be exempt from the provisions of the gift certificate statute relating to expiration, escheatment, reissuance and refund.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7137](#)

BY Rea, Costantino, Fellela, Lima, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, J. Brien, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLAR PANELS {LC3463/1} (Requires that all sales representatives selling or leasing solar panels are licensed by the department of business regulation and that a statement be provided to homeowners setting forth pertinent information pertaining to the solar panels.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7285](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Carson, Handy, Kislak, Boylan, Spears, Fogarty, Edwards, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- UTILITY THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK AND JOBS ACT {LC4070/1} (Establishes thermal energy networks network infrastructure by any public utility company that provides electric/natural gas distribution to maximize cost-effective investments deemed in the public interest by the public utilities commission (PUC).)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7426](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Solomon, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS {LC4331/1} (Requires that developers of ground-mounted solar systems submit a plan for decommissioning to be held on file by the municipality and requires DEM, with the office of energy resources, make publicly available model decommissioning plans.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7428](#)

BY Place, Rea, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3579/1} (Replaces time to time language with staggered for acquisitions, commission would review the acquisition plan, and requires an annual review. Repeals §§ 39-1-27.3.1 and 39-1-27.8 dealing with standard offer service.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7431](#)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING {LC4786/1} (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or single or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7603](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Voas, McNamara, Dawson, Craven, Place, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT {LC4388/1} (Repeals the "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act." Amends title 5 "Businesses and Professions" to include a new chapter 93, an amended "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act.")

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7616](#)

BY Speakman, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM {LC4905/1} (Establishes the renewable ready program and fund to promotes the responsible siting/development of renewable energy generating resources in locations where it would be an ancillary beneficial use to the redevelopment of previously contaminated property.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7808](#)

BY Potter, Boylan, Solomon, Cotter, Knight, Tanzi, McGaw, Cortvriend, Felix, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING {LC5420/1} (Prohibits utility companies from limiting eligibility of net metering site based on prior consumption and requires excess energy not consumed to be credited to consumer. Also amends definition of excess renewable net-metering credit.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7810](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, J. Brien, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC4959/1} (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7811](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ajello, Tanzi, Kislak, Shanley, Batista, McEntee, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT {LC5069/1} (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of developing programs and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7812](#)

BY Voas

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT {LC5061/1} (Requires a New England transmission project to determine if long-term transmission service agreements appear commercially reasonable for Rhode Island.)~~

~~03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

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

House Bill No. [7813](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, J. Brien, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT {LC4961/1} (Makes several amendments relative to the affordable clean energy security act establishing the act's priority over chapter 6.2 of title 42 (the "2021 act on climate").)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7814](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, J. Brien, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC4955/1} (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7815](#)

BY P. Morgan, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC5457/1} (Provides that any renewable energy project that cannot certify a net reduction of carbon emissions through scientific studies, using the best practices as defined in ISO LCA standards 14040 and 14044, be prohibited or discontinued by the PUC.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7816](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE {LC4066/1} (Incorporates ethical energy standards to the 2021 Act on Climate.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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