
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7440](#)

BY Boylan, Cotter, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Knight, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS {LC4596/1} (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.)

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

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

02/29/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7022](#)

BY Spears, Cortvriend, Kislak, Kazarian, Casimiro, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Ajello, Dawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY {LC3288/1} (Requires the chief resilience officer (CRO) be charged with creation/maintenance/updating of the state's resiliency/recovery program along with climate change resiliency plan with ocean/riverine coasts resilience advisory board.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7356](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Bennett, McGaw, Carson, Kislak, Boylan, Spears, McEntee, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 {LC4096/1} (Enacts the Comprehensive PFAS Ban Act of 2024, prohibiting the intentional addition of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of PFAS in products offered for sale or manufactured in the state as of January 1, 2027.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Resolution No. [7361](#)

BY Azzinaro, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Spears, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, McEntee, Kennedy ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES {LC4575/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study and provide recommendations for remedies to the erosion of RI beaches, and would report back by January 5, 2025 and expire on March 5, 2025.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7439](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER {LC4457/1} (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7617](#)

BY Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, Speakman, McEntee, Spears, Morales, McGaw, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2024 {LC5012/1} (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7619](#)

BY Cortvriend, Casimiro, Speakman, McEntee, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT {LC4641/1} (Updates the existing Toxic Packaging Act by delaying the ban on PFAS in processing agents, until July 1, 2027, and also expands the law by banning PVC and polystyrene in packaging.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7620](#)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS {LC4356/1} (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.)

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

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

House Resolution No. [7731](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Azzinaro, Kennedy ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS {LC5263/1} (Creates a 17 member commission to study the issues confronting the State due to climate change, and who would report back to the House by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7782](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Tanzi, Bennett ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT {LC5256/1} (Created the Rhode Island clean heat standards act to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7784](#)

BY P. Morgan, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR POLLUTION {LC5458/1} (Prohibits the department of environmental management from adopting motor vehicle emissions standards based on California's promulgated standards. It also requires any rules or regulations related to said standards be repealed.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [8043](#)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Carson, Speakman, Fogarty, Cotter, McGaw, Cortvriend, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING {LC5640/1} (Requires executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) to develop a template to be used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the pathway to Rhode Island's act on climate legislative goals.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

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