
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-2941 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 4, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. 7225

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

{LC4143/1}

01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

[Article 3, Section 7 and 8:](#) RIDEM Reporting Changes

[Article 6, Section 24:](#) Vessel Discharge Certificate

Department of Environmental Management:

FY2024 Supplemental and FY2025 Budgets

Coastal Resources Management Council:

FY2024 Supplemental and FY2025 Budgets

Public Utilities Commission:

FY2024 Supplemental and FY2025 Budgets

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2164](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Ujifusa, Mack, Miller, Euer, McKenney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC3975/1} (Provides for an annual appropriation of state funds to RI emergency management agency to be distributed to coastal communities who are members of the Narragansett Bay Marine Task Force for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2332](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Bissailon, Britto, LaMountain, Valverde, Kallman, Miller, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- OIL SPILL PREVENTION, ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSE FUND {LC4680/1} (Provides funds to support Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council to reduce climate emissions.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2335](#)

BY Mack, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3626/1} (Exempts urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. It also defines urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2356](#)

BY Lawson, Euer, Gu, Lauria, Britto, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION YOUTH EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT {LC4692/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Change and Ocean Protection Youth Education and Workforce Development Act.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2371](#)

BY Ujifusa, Kallman, Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu, DiMario, DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS {LC4521/1} (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2025 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2576](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC5131/1} (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.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2595](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY {LC5132/1} (Requires that any government owned vehicle that is to be replaced, be replaced with a zero-emission vehicle, defined as a vehicle which produces no emissions from the on-board source of power.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2753](#)

BY Valverde, Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Miller, Britto, LaMountain, DiPalma, Tikoian, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION {LC5658/1} (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2350](#)

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5011/1} (Exempts from taxation real and tangible personal property classified as industrial and would extend the exemption period from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2854](#)

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998 {LC5719/1} (Repeals the provision setting a different timeline for reimbursement of East Providence for the FY 2025, and would bring East Providence in line with other municipalities in the timing of reimbursements.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2857](#)

BY Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC5712/1} (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2858](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY {LC5055/1} (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2859](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO {LC5053/1} (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2862](#)

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS {LC5649/1} (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2941](#)

BY DiPalma, Zurier, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5793/1} (Establishes an agricultural restricted receipt account within the department of environmental management. An advisory committee would be established to determine suggested uses of the funds in said account.)

04/02/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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