
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7258](#)

BY Cotter, McGaw, Carson, Speakman, Chippendale, Kazarian, Donovan, Spears, Casimiro, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS {LC4280/1} (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.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7491](#)

(RIPTA)

BY O'Brien, Edwards, McEntee, DeSimone, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Dawson, Shanley, Cardillo, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC4412/1} (Authorizes the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to enter into certain projects and procure related services including the transit center project, using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7590](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Morales, Cortvriend, Handy, Potter, Stewart, Diaz, Kislak, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2024 BOND REFERENDA {LC4074/1} (Submits 2024 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2024, general election.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7611](#)

BY McGaw, Phillips, Morales, Slater, Cortvriend, Hull, Carson, Abney, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES {LC4801/1} (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/25/2024 Committee transferred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7674](#)

BY Handy, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Cotter, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4348/1} (Exempts new or used bicycles from sale and use tax.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7677](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Place, Cotter, J. Brien, Casimiro, Noret, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS {LC4871/1} (Requires that all inspections, cleaning and maintenance and repairs of sidewalks along state highway and municipal roads, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7684](#)

BY McGaw, Morales, Sanchez, Handy, Ajello, Kislak, Batista, Diaz, Felix, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4972/1} (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.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7685](#)

BY Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Kislak, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- OIL SPILL PREVENTION, ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSE FUND {LC4979/1} (Provides funds to support Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council to reduce climate emissions.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7774](#)

BY Alzate, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Casimiro, Donovan, Diaz, Hull ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$78,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RIPTA) {LC5234/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$78,000,000 to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7775](#)

BY Chippendale, Casimiro, Finkelman, Place, Roberts, Rea, Nardone, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, J. Brien

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS {LC5292/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$180,000 to the RI State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation Districts.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/22/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7856](#)

BY Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Tanzi, Bennett ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION {LC4977/1} (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7859](#)

BY McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, Fogarty, Alzate, Kislak, Kazarian, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY {LC5321/1} (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 House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7918](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Cortvriend, Handy, Potter, Stewart, Kislak, McGaw, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2024 BOND REFERENDA {LC4079/1} (Submits 2024 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 5, 2024, general election.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7995](#)

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, McGaw, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Edwards, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION {LC5195/1} (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7997](#)

BY McGaw, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION {LC5295/1} (Directs the department of transportation to effectuate a complete and total restoration, reconstruction and refurbishing of the Stone Bridge abutment in Portsmouth.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8003](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Handy, Finkelman, Casimiro, Edwards, Fogarty, Tanzi, McGaw, Spears
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) {LC4564/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000,000 to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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