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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**TIME:** 4:30 PM

**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [2154](#)**

**BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, DeLuca, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS {LC4264/1} (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2297](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Rogers**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS {LC4826/1} (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2535](#)**

**BY Euer, Mack, Miller, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Quezada, Lauria, Bissailon, Zurier**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT {LC5138/1} (Establishes requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to the issuing of permits for an activity that would have an environmental impact on or would increase the cumulative impacts on an environmental justice area.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2541](#)**

**BY DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING {LC4969/1} (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.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2744](#)**

**BY Ruggerio, LaMountain, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5657/1} (Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

04/10/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2810](#)**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY Tikoian, DiMario, Rogers, LaMountain, Britto, Felag, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING {LC4346/1} (Modifies reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife where the vehicle has been substantially damaged.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

04/10/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**Senate Resolution No. [2294](#)**

**BY Bell, Kallman, Valverde, Ujifusa, Cano, Gu**

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030 {LC3567/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2303](#)**

**BY Ujifusa, Mack, Bell, Murray, Kallman, Gu, Acosta, Zurier**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT {LC4776/1} (Provides for a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2306](#)**

**BY DiMario, Miller, DiPalma, Lauria, Tikoian, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Britto**

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

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY {LC4138/1}

(Requires an electric distribution company to develop and act pursuant to a vegetation management plan approved by the DPUC to carry out vegetation management activities on and around utility infrastructure along public and private rights of way.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2545](#)**

**BY de la Cruz, Raptakis, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**

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

FACILITY SITING ACT {LC5280/1} (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2808](#)**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY Valverde, Tikoian, LaMountain, Kallman, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Miller**

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

DECOMMISSIONING PLANS {LC4344/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2848](#)**

**BY DiMario, Gu, Kallman, Valverde**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND

CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT {LC5789/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2849](#)**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY DiMario, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES {LC4950/1} (Amends the provision of notice to be provided for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2952](#)**

**BY Kallman, Valverde, DiMario, LaMountain, Lawson, Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, McKenney, Britto**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2024 {LC4319/1} (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2956](#)**

**BY Euer, DiMario, Gu, Sosnowski, Valverde, Murray, Cano, Kallman, Mack**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5194/1} (Amends several provisions relative the powers and duties of the PUC and requires the submission by utilities of integrated distribution system plans identifying solutions to reduce greenhouse gases.)

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 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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