
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [7033](#)

BY Spears, Cotter, Shanley, Craven, Dawson, Kazarian, Casimiro, Slater, Cortvriend, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES RATES {LC3305/1} (Provides the executive office of health and human services would submit to the US Department of Health and Human Services a state plan to set rates for chiropractic services.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7035](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Tanzi, Speakman, Bennett, Morales, DeSimone, Ajello, Fellela, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES {LC3827/1} (Appropriates \$1,875,000 for the creation of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline within the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH).)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7255](#)

BY Alzate, Ajello, Cruz, McEntee, Cortvriend, Donovan, Kazarian, Morales, Carson, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3905/1} (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2025, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7298](#)

BY Serpa, Phillips, Fellela, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC4240/1} (All Medicaid programs operated by EOHHS would not reimburse home care providers less than fee-for-service rates adopted by rate review recommendations of the office of health insurance commissioners.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/30/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7398](#)

BY Morales, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Henries, Alzate, Sanchez, Felix, Diaz, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC4238/1} (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7591](#)

BY Spears, Donovan, Tanzi, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Boylan, Chippendale, McEntee, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES {LC4835/1} (Requires that the department of human services and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals provide forecasted costs reflecting the recommended rate review on a monthly basis.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7678](#)

BY Morales, Cortvriend, Kislak, Carson, Cotter, Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Sanchez, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES {LC4954/1} (Imposes a seventy-five cent (0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies as well as an account to benefit RIPTA from the payment of sales taxes collected from rideshares.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [7689](#)

BY Solomon, Stewart

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO OVERSEE AN AUDIT OF MEDICAID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS {LC5062/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [7693](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Hull, Diaz, Ackerman, Ajello

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE {LC5094/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7854](#)

BY Morales, Giraldo, Handy, Sanchez, Cotter, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Kislak, Henries, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC3450/1} (Provides eligibility for an additional forty dollars (\$40.00) per month in food stamp benefits to certain qualifying persons or households eligible for food stamp benefits, commencing July 1, 2024.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7858](#)

BY Solomon, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Knight, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC5391/1} (Directs the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) design a safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7900](#)

BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Henries, Hull, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5318/1} (Requires the EOHHS to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under the age of six years (6) and their families.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

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04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7902](#)

BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC5296/1} (Establishes the primary care training sites program and appropriates \$2,700,000 for implementing the program.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7903](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, McEntee, Carson, Kazarian, Kislak, Cotter, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC5297/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8000](#)

BY Morales, Speakman, Giraldo, Cotter, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Cortvriend, Edwards, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REDUCED HOUSING RENT PILOT PROGRAM {LC4872/1} (Establishes and funds an incentive program for landlords to offer reduced rents to eligible tenants. The program would be administered by the state department of housing with an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [8002](#)

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, O'Brien, Caldwell, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO DAY ONE, RHODE ISLAND'S SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER {LC5253/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Day One.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [8004](#)

BY Messier, Fellela, Stewart, Casimiro, Alzate, Kazarian, J. Brien, Baginski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO GLORIA GEMMA FOUNDATION {LC5600/1} (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Gloria Gemma Fountain.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8030](#)

BY Spears, Cortvriend, McGaw, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Slater, Azzinaro, Serpa, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC5472/1} (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [8033](#)

BY Alzate, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Spears, Ajello, Fogarty, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Cotter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO WOMEN'S FUND OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5616/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Women's Fund of Rhode Island to implement programs and initiatives that seek to close the gender wage, wealth, health and leadership gaps.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8160](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND {LC5888/1} (Establishes the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund to receive the checkoff contributions from Rhode Island personal income tax returns for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2024.)

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8210](#)

BY Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Ackerman, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC6015/1} (Amends Article 9 of the state budget and various provisions relative to hospital licensing fees, would redefine base year for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments for fiscal years.)

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing

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