
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5019](#)

BY Speakman, Casey, Knight, Noret, Read, Kislak, Cortvriend, Bennett, Boylan, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 {LC119/1} (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5098](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Speakman, McGaw, Donovan, Fogarty, Carson, Spears, Shanley, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT {LC539/1} (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5099](#)

BY McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Kislak, Cortvriend, Spears, Donovan, Alzate, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC575/1} (Authorizes and empower the department of transportation to plant pollinator friendly native species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants within limits of a roadway, including state highways.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5167](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Handy, Kislak, Bennett, Phillips ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT {LC222/1} (Creates 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.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5217](#)

BY Shanley, Bennett, Chippendale, Slater, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN AIR PRESERVATION ACT {LC763/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Clean Air Preservation Act that establishes a regulatory process to prohibit polluting atmospheric experimentation.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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