
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

02/06/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [5074](#)

BY Carson, Kazarian, Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Spears, Fogarty, Handy, Boylan ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (RIRRC) TO CONDUCT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY {LC282/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5293](#)

BY Hull, Sanchez, J. Lombardi, DeSimone, O'Brien, Fogarty, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1127/1} (Creates a public education program on methods to recycle textiles.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5294](#)

BY Shanley, Bennett, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT {LC1096/1} (Creates the Old Growth Forest Protection Act to provide protection for state-owned forestland in their natural state prohibiting extractive logging and clearcutting in any forest on state-owned land.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5340](#)

BY Boylan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, Kislak, McGaw, Speakman, Spears, Bennett, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC755/1} (Requires the producer of artificial turf and turf infill sold or distributed in Rhode Island to report its chain of custody, from installation to use, repurposing, recycling and disposal.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5341](#)

BY Chippendale, Paplauskas, Tanzi, Spears, Caldwell, Marszalkowski, Casey, Azzinaro, Handy, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- REGULATION OF BOATS -- FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM {LC1083/1} (Authorizes the collection of a small additional fee, in addition to the registration fee paid by motorboat owners, to be deposited in a restricted account, in order to fund the newly established freshwater lake management program.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5342](#)

BY Chippendale, Tanzi, Spears, McGaw, Caldwell, Casey, Azzinaro, Finkelman, Edwards, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC1203/1} (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.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5343](#)

BY Boylan, Cortvriend, McGaw, Tanzi, Carson, Donovan, Handy, Fogarty, Speakman, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES -- LEAD BY EXAMPLE ACT {LC1134/1} (Takes several measures to lead by example by banning state purchases of plastic bottles, and requires state funds to be used to lease or purchase electric vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5344](#)

BY Cortvriend, Spears

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND SOLUTIONS {LC1295/1} (Increases the membership of the commission from 17 to 18, and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special house commission on climate change from May 14, 2025, to May 14, 2026, and expires on June 18, 2026.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5424](#)

BY Boylan, Carson, McGaw, Cortvriend, Spears, Handy, Potter, Speakman, Kislak, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2025 {LC1318/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act cost recovery program.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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