
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

02/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/07/2025 Scheduled for 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

02/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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House Bill No. [5166](#)

BY McGaw, Boylan, Batista, Speakman, Carson, Fogarty, Serpa, Bennett, Kislak, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT {LC447/1} (Provides for a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility.)

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

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5425](#)

BY Handy, Dawson, Boylan, Tanzi, Speakman, Carson, Spears, McGaw, Bennett

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS

{LC1545/1} (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.)

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

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5493](#)

BY Kislak, Carson, Spears, Handy, Speakman, McGaw, Boylan, Fogarty, Potter, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING

DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2025 {LC1267/1} (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5609](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Newberry, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE

EMISSIONS {LC1090/1} (Requires the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of environmental management also to conduct an environmental impact study of motor vehicle non-exhaust particle emissions.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5610](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Fascia, Newberry, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT

ON CLIMATE CHANGE {LC1078/1} (Requires the executive climate change coordinating

council to evaluate and make recommendations for the use of carbon emissions removal technology as an alternative to reducing carbon emissions and meeting climate goals.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5612](#)

BY Newberry, Santucci, Paplauskas, Fascia, Quattrocchi, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PROMOTION OF

BIOFUELS ACT OF 2011 {LC1031/1} (Repeals the Promotion of Biofuels Act of 2011, which

established a study commission to investigate the use and promotion of such fuels within the state, in its entirety.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5846](#)

BY Cortvriend, Edwards, Kislak, Speakman, Handy, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC1611/1} (Establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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