
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A REVISED AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

Presentation by Terry Gray, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Update on DEM Activities and Initiatives.

1. DEM Organizational Overview
2. Update on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Initiatives
3. Update on Act on Climate Implementation

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Dr. Michael Reuter VICE Catherine Hall to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2027.

~~Appointment of Andrew T. Tyska (Marine Trades Industry) VICE Malcom Cooper to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.~~

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [87](#)

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, DiMario, Gu, Britto, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHERIES {LC139/1} (Creates commercial dock space for businesses subject to being reviewed by the DEM. Would also include commercial fishers to be eligible for a grant program.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [326](#)

BY Ujifusa, Euer, Bell, Kallman, Valverde, Gu, Britto, DiMario, Mack, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2025 {LC1316/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act cost recovery program.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [401](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE EMISSIONS {LC2145/1} (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 Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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