
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [55](#)

BY Pearson, Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Euer, Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC593/1} (Includes the definition of "primary care services" and requires that all biennial reports shall include a review and recommendation of rates for primary care services on and after September 1, 2025.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [119](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF BUPRENORPHINE {LC392/1} (Encourages and authorizes the department of health to adopt rules and regulations that lead to the more liberal utilization of buprenorphine.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [170](#)

BY Appollonio, Patalano, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Burke, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1056/1} (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before a medical or dental board of licensure that has been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [220](#)

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, Bissaillon, Mack, Thompson, Murray, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT {LC977/1} (Amends Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present PediPRN and MomsPRN.)

02/10/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [348](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lauria, Urso, Euer, Pearson, Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Quezada, Bissailon ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL DELEGATION TO DEMAND REVERSAL OF ACTIONS HARMING CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS {LC1501/1}

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [474](#)

BY Lawson, Lauria, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL {LC2079/1} (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health to provide guidance and recommendations to educate healthcare providers and the citizens of the state.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [481](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, DiMario, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC1532/1} (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [688](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1324/1} (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [706](#)

BY Murray, DiMario, Lauria, Sosnowski, Lawson, Valverde, Gallo, Kallman, Urso, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1465/1} (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [796](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Lawson, Sosnowski, Urso, Vargas

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

TRANSMITTED DISEASES {LC1422/1} (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 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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