
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5681](#)

BY Chippendale, Finkelman, Fascia, Place, Newberry, Nardone, Edwards, Paplauskas, Furtado, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS -- MERIT SYSTEM {LC1079/1}

(Allows for waiver from testing for temporary or emergency positions.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

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

House Bill No. [5682](#)

BY Voas, Giraldo, Potter, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES {LC872/1} (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

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

House Bill No. [5683](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Diaz, Biah, Felix, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC1254/1} (Increases the minimum required awarded to minority business enterprises from 15% to 20% and of that, requires a minimum of 10% be awarded to minority owned businesses and a minimum of 10% be awarded to women owned businesses.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

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

House Bill No. [5684](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Diaz, Biah, Felix, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC1248/1} (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

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

House Bill No. [5940](#)

BY Stewart, J. Lombardi, Voas, Tanzi, Morales, Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Cotter, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT {LC1857/1} (Creates RI opportunity for employee ownership, worker gets notice within seven days of sale of business.)
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5941](#)

BY Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Paplauskas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PORTABLE BENEFIT PLAN {LC2302/1} (Establishes the portable benefit plan for independent contractors.)
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5945](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Tanzi, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM {LC1970/1} (Provides for the creation of a new job classification for new or existing specialized information technology positions.)
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6065](#)

BY Giraldo, Furtado, Handy, Alzate, Cruz, McGaw, Potter, McNamara, Speakman, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – RHODE ISLAND BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT {LC2041/1} (Mandates paid leave by allowing qualified employees to take medical leave to undergo donation procedures, medical tests, and recovery related to being a living organ donor, or bone marrow transplant donor.)
03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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