
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-5248 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5248](#)

BY Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC622/1} (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

02/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5562](#)

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS {LC1409/1} (Provides that charitable organizations with a gross income of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less can meet the required reporting and records requirements by providing either an IRS Form 900 or other approved financial statements.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5248 SUB A](#)

{LC622/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5018](#)

BY Cotter, Morales, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Kazarian, Fogarty, Carson, Kislak, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC57/1} (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, the profit margin of any electric distribution company gas distribution company, would not exceed four percent (4%), in any given calendar year.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5068](#)

BY Cruz, J. Lombardi, Slater, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Potter, Biah, Diaz, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN
ARREARS OF PAYMENT {LC522/1} (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for
customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the
termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5106](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC93/1} (Provides that any rate increase
with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the
Consumer Price Index or 5.5%, whichever is greater, unless there is approval of a higher rate by the
general assembly.)
01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5161](#)

BY Cotter, Morales, Potter, Carson, Speakman, Fogarty, Kislak, Slater, Giraldo, Kazarian
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES {LC765/1} (Creates
a special joint legislative study commission to study public ownership of certain public utilities,
including electricity and natural gas.)
01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5245](#)

BY Slater, Morales, Potter, Diaz, DeSimone, Stewart, Voas, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC875/1} (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to
ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.)
01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5484](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF
UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1350/1} (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations
of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)
02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5547](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Solomon, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1348/1} (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5577](#)

BY Cotter, Ajello, Potter, Chippendale, Boylan, Fogarty, Carson, Bennett, Speakman, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- 2025 UTILITY COMPANY BILLING TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC1810/1} (Impose requirements and actions that certain electric distribution and gas distribution companies must meet prior to implementing rate changes.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5813](#)

BY Caldwell, Cotter, Stewart, Batista, McGaw, Morales, Spears, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC2037/1} (Mandates any utility provider from increasing the transmission and distribution fees paid by a consumer for a period of two (2) years.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5814](#)

BY Lima, Costantino, Casimiro, Read, J. Brien, Corvese, Kislak, Azzinaro, Noret, Baginski, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC2065/1} (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by April 30, 2026.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5815](#)

BY Morales, Stewart, Cotter, Handy, Felix, Tanzi, Ajello, Cruz, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1304/1} (Establishes an intervenor support program to provide compensation for an intervenor who makes a substantial contribution to a proceeding resulting in a decision favorable to the interest of utility consumers.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5818](#)

BY Handy, Morales, McNamara, Solomon, Stewart, Casimiro, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1575/1} (Prohibits public utilities, serving greater 100,000 customers from recovering through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with, amongst other costs, advertising, marketing, communications.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [5821](#)

BY Handy, Stewart, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1542/1} (Provides amendments to procedures necessary for approval of transactions between utilities by giving the public utilities commission jurisdiction; mandates public hearings, allows intervention by any interested party and provides for appeal.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Resolution No. [5834](#)

BY Handy, Cortvriend, McNamara, Boylan, Kislak, Potter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTRIC RATES AND POTENTIAL RATE REFORM STRATEGIES {LC1973/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Resolution No. [5969](#)

BY Speakman, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Donovan, Boylan, Kislak, Dawson, Furtado, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS HIGH UTILITY BILLS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2301/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

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