
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [122](#)

BY Kallman, Bissailon, DiMario, Mack, Gu, Urso, Pearson, Lawson, Vargas

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM {LC177/1} (Establishes a housing land bank program with the goal of creating affordable housing in the State of Rhode Island. The housing land bank would have the authority to buy, receive and hold property in furtherance of this goal.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [495](#)

BY Gu, Burke, Kallman, Bissailon, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT {LC1644/1}

(Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [501](#)

BY Bissailon, Britto, Mack, Acosta, Rogers, Quezada, Lawson, Burke, Bell

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

-- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT {LC971/1} (Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAVE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [611](#)

(Dept. of Housing)

BY Bissaillon, DiMario, Gu, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC1355/1} (Clarifies roles and regulatory authority for the administration of the program involving the repurposing of vacant schools for housing.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [612](#)

(Dept. of Housing)

BY Bissaillon, DiMario, Gu, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC1357/1} (Ensures that the Rhode Island department of housing is able to access the full calendar year worth of housing choice voucher data for the annual report by moving the report submission deadline back to align with availability of federal data.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [720](#)

BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, Mack, Quezada, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1618/1} (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

Senate Bill No. [721](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Mack, Bell, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION {LC1616/1} (Repeals legislation establishing the Capital Center Commission, which is a special development district commission for downtown Providence.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

House Bill No. [5189](#)

BY Knight, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC896/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
02/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration
02/27/2025 Committee recommends passage
02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar
03/04/2025 House read and passed
03/07/2025 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2024, 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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