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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Christopher J. Fragomeni (Gubernatorial Appt) VICE Peter Willey to the East Providence Waterfront District for a term expiring March 31, 2029.

Reappointment of Jeffrey E. Bogosian to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2028.

Reappointment of Christopher H. Little, Esq. to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2028.

Reappointment of Jonathan N. Savage to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.

Reappointment of George Nee to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

Reappointment of R. Jeffrey Hirsh to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [18](#)**

**BY Gu, Sosnowski, Kallman, Mack, Zurier, Urso**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC776/1} (Effective July 1, 2025, provides that, the profit margin of any electric distribution company or gas distribution company, would not exceed 4%, in any calendar year and defines a "profit margin" as the return on equity that is allowed by the commission.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [86](#)**

**BY Kallman, Lauria, Sosnowski, Britto, Murray, Mack, Vargas, Quezada, Thompson, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT {LC181/1}** (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.)  
01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [318](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Lawson, Dimitri, Burke, Urso, Britto, Sosnowski, Rogers, LaMountain, de la Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY {LC979/1}** (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.)  
02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [378](#)**

**BY Acosta, Mack, Euer, Bell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1800/1}** (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.)  
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [379](#)**

**BY Gu, Sosnowski, Britto, Vargas, Zurier, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1646/1}** (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.)  
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [380](#)**

**BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC348/1}** (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.)  
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [385](#)**

**BY Ujifusa, Murray, Felag, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Kallman, Bissailon, Ciccone, E Morgan ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- 2025 UTILITY COMPANY BILLING TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC1809/1} (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 Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [593](#)**

**BY Euer, Urso, Sosnowski, DiMario, Murray, Gallo, Acosta, Ciccone, Britto, McKenney ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC2199/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [599](#)**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY Sosnowski, Murray, Britto**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1349/1} (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.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [601](#)**

(Divison of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissailon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1351/1} (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [630](#)**

**BY Rogers, de la Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BILLS ACT {LC1883/1} (Requires electric and gas utilities to provide a detailed breakdown of supply, delivery, and public policy costs on electric and gas bills, including specific costs for renewable energy sources, and mandates public comment and PUC approval.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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