SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. 406

BY Vargas, Lawson, Mack, Euer, Gu, DiPalma, Sosnowski

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

REDUCTION ACT {LC1453/1} (Creates the Microplastics Reduction Act to prohibit the sale or distribution of products containing synthetic polymer micro particles.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

04/04/2025 Meeting postponed

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 862

BY Britto, McKenney, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC2568/1} (Requires applications for energy facilities to take into consideration the 2021 Act on Climate and how the facility may advance or delay the greenhouse gas emissions reductions.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 890

BY Patalano, Quezada, Thompson, Dimitri, Burke, Appollonio, Ciccone, LaMountain, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET

METERING {LC2420/1} (Changes the excess renewable net-metering credit to a wholesale rate.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 891

BY Patalano, Thompson, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, de la Cruz, Burke, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC2418/1} (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by April 30, 2026.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 939

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT {LC2567/1} (Creates the extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper program for the recycling of packaging and paper products.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 30, 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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