
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

S-500 has been postponed at the request of the sponsor

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5307](#)

(City of Providence)

BY DeSimone, Biah, Azzinaro, Ajello, Diaz, Slater, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC972/1} (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

03/20/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar

03/27/2025 House read and passed

04/17/2025 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [711](#)

BY Bissaillon, Urso, Sosnowski, Mack, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT {LC615/1} (Restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [944](#)

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET {LC2661/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 5, 2024.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [979](#)

BY Kallman, Urso, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC2737/1} (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [981](#)

BY Zurier, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC2703/1} (Allows for measures to advance the undergrounding of certain utility cables and to have the same funded through utility rate increases to the cities of Providence and East Providence.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [942](#)

BY Bissaillon, Burke, Mack, Gu, DiMario, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC2682/1} (Makes certain technical amendments /clarifications to the statutes relating to the assessment of real property and the timing and process to appeals thereof.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [500](#)

~~BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WATER SUPPLY {LC1864/1} (Provides that water utility companies be responsible for all costs associated with maintenance, operation and delivery of water pumping stations to individual parcels of land and schools with no pumping stations on the property.)~~

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

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

~~04/21/2025 Meeting postponed~~

~~04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [850](#)

BY Patalano, Thompson, Gallo, Burke, Britto, Dimitri, Appollonio, Raptakis, Vargas, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT {LC2471/1} (Prohibits any city, town, quasi-municipal corporation or public corporation from assessing any existing agricultural operation or agricultural land any water impact fee, excepting base useable charges.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [982](#)

BY Ruggerio, Lawson, LaMountain, Britto, McKenney, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT {LC2363/1} (Ensures public access to lead service lines to determine the existence of lead within the water connection. This act also ensures mitigation measures and replacement lines are consistent with the current version of 40 C.C.R. 141 Subpart I.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [499](#)

BY McKenney, Lawson, Burke, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC2188/1} (Establishes the assessed value of owner-occupied low- and moderate-income housing as the most recent sales price of the property.)

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

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [502](#)

BY Tikoian, Patalano, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC1871/1} (Specifies that low and moderate income housing exists when a city or town has adopted an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring that all housing developments include at least fifty percent (50%) low or moderate income housing units.)

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

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [503](#)

BY Dimitri, Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, E Morgan, Raptakis, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC1859/1} (Create a process to establish a low- or moderate-income housing that exceeds sixty (60) units.)

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

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

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 1, 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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