SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-171 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME S-892 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 **TIME:** Rise of the Senate **PLACE:** Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. 38

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Paolino, E Morgan

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

INSPECTOR GENERAL {LC341/1} (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 94

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, DiMario, Appollonio, Raptakis, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC879/1} (Exempts from the sales and use tax, the sale of beer and malt

beverages at retail.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 96

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, McKenney, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC410/1} (Increases the personal needs allowance of nursing facility residents from seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 97

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL {LC486/1} (Establishes office of inspector general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds, regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 98

BY Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC640/1} (Provides tax credits or the equivalent assessment dollars to veterans, gold star parents, visually impaired persons and the elderly.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 101

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Burke, Rogers, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

{LC336/1} (Repeals the corporation minimum tax.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 106

BY Sosnowski, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC136/1}

(Amends modifications to income tax for residents to now include an exemption for a foreign service officer's pension.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 111

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Ciccone, Euer, Bell, Felag, Acosta, Zurier, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED

JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 {LC146/1} (This act would sunset/discontinue the Jobs

Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2025.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 112

BY de la Cruz, E Morgan, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY

SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT {LC333/1} (Establishes a new educational program that allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 171

BY Thompson, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Appollonio, Burke, LaMountain, Ruggerio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL

EDUCATION {LC1053/1} (Allows the executive office of health and human services to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. 174

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Britto, Burke, Tikoian, Rogers, LaMountain, Zurier, Gu, Felag, Vargas ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM {LC611/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the formal establishment of "Main Street Rhode Island".)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. <u>186</u>

BY McKenney, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC941/1} (Allows real property owner a one-time non-refundable tax credit for the actual costs of connecting a single family or multi-family dwelling to a municipal sewer system credited to the owner's personal or corporate income tax.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 191

BY Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Kallman, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

{LC862/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of PROJECT

Weber/RENEW, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 244

BY Felag, Acosta, Murray, Sosnowski, Mack, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Britto, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC1432/1}

(Increases the Rhode Island earned-income credit to twenty percent (20%) on January 1, 2026. Such credit would not exceed the amount of state income tax.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. <u>254</u>

BY Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Urso, Acosta, DiPalma, Lawson, Valverde, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1375/1} (Would provide children up to age three (3) with continuous coverage eligibility for RIte Track/RIte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 423

(by request)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC934/1} (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 446

BY Vargas, Kallman, Quezada, McKenney, Mack, Gu, Appollonio, Britto, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC1292/1} (Submits 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November, 2026, general election.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 783

BY Vargas, DiPalma, Britto, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS {LC1682/1} (Increases the threshold limit for charitable organizations with an annual gross income of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 867

(General Treasurer)

BY Vargas, Urso, LaMountain, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Lawson, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY {LC1715/1} (Permits the division of unclaimed property within the office of the general treasurer to accept miscellaneous intangible property belonging to Rhode Island residents.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. 868

BY DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, DiMario, Britto, Felag

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO 401 TECH BRIDGE TO STUDY AND EXPLORE SEAGLIDERS IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2574/1} (This resolution would make an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to 401 Tech Bridge to study and explore seagliders.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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Senate Resolution No. 871

BY Britto, McKenney, Raptakis, Appollonio, Vargas, Tikoian

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE {LC2566/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/19/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 892

BY Murray, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Felag, Gallo, DiMario, Bissaillon, Lauria, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CORE STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES SYSTEMS-988 {LC2632/1} (Establishes a core state behavioral health crisis services system, to be administered by the director of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 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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