
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-85 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [85](#)

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES {LC406/1} (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [631](#)

BY Gu, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC2239/1} (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [765](#)

BY Gu, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC2152/1} (Establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [769](#)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT {LC2230/1} (Mandates state and electric distribution companies develop proposals and encourage off shore wind power development and give priority in those projects to providing employment and business opportunities to workers from disadvantaged communities.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [843](#)

BY Murray, Bell, Thompson, Euer, Sosnowski, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

NET-METERING {LC998/1} (Allows a property owner with eligible net-metering systems with a master meter to allocate excess net metering credits to any meter on the property.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [886](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC2553/1} (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [969](#)

BY Euer, Appollonio, McKenney, Sosnowski, Zurier, Vargas, Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC259/1} (Changes utility company billing practices so that when a gas electric utility changes their customer billing, they are required to file a copy of the new bill with the PUC for approval, with a complete explanation of the changes.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [921](#)

BY DiPalma

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

ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS LOCATION INCENTIVE {LC2642/1} (Creates qualified data centers and tax exemptions.)

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [85 SUB A](#)

{LC406/A/1}

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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