
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [23](#)

BY Zurier, DiMario, Vargas, Gu

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LEGISLATION/OVERSIGHT OF THE ACT ON CLIMATE {LC554/1} (Creates a 5 member commission to provide recommendations for legislation changes and/or oversight for the Act on Climate, and would report back by May 1, 2026, and would expire on June 1, 2026.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5019](#)

BY Speakman, Casey, Knight, Noret, Read, Kislak, Cortvriend, Bennett, Boylan, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 {LC119/1} (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/06/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

02/27/2025 Committee recommends passage

02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar

03/06/2025 House read and passed

03/21/2025 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [327](#)

BY Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Euer, McKenney, Kallman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- GREEN AMENDMENT {LC865/1} (Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 1 providing for a right to clean air, soil, climate, and the environment's natural values.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [938](#)

BY Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Murray, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING {LC2663/1}

(Authorizes the taking of green crabs subject to certain conditions and a license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [996](#)

BY McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Lawson, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2805/1} (Provides extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, recycling of beverage containers, and provides general provisions for oversight of single-stage producer organizations.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [997](#)

BY Valverde, Sosnowski, Lawson, McKenney, Gu, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS RECYCLING ACT {LC2804/1} (Establishes the Beverage Container Recycling Act)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [998](#)

BY Sosnowski, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC2728/1} (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 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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