
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7071](#)

BY Boylan, Bennett, Kislak, Santucci, McGaw, Carson, Speakman, Spears, Donovan, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- PROTECTION OF TREES AND PLANTS GENERALLY -- RHODE ISLAND INVASIVE PLANT

MANAGEMENT ACT {LC3172/1} (Prohibits the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7072](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Place, Chippendale, Santucci, Tanzi, Fogarty, McGaw, Noret, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --

AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC3924/1} (Amends the definition of farm and agricultural land to include land on which agricultural operations are being conducted or is suitable for agriculture operations, and further expand the definition of a farmer.)

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House Bill No. [7074](#)

BY McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Donovan, Alzate, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC3544/1} (Requires the department of transportation to plant pollinator friendly native species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants within limits of a roadway, including state highways)

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House Bill No. [7141](#)

BY Boylan, Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, McGaw, Kislak, Carson, Bennett, Spears, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC3978/1} (Requires the producer of artificial turf and turf infill sold or distributed in RI to report its chain of custody, from installation to use, repurposing, recycling and disposal to the department of environmental management.)

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PRESENTATION:

- Overview of EC Power Combined Heat and Power (CHP) System
- Anders Thorson, EC Power

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