
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7422](#)

BY Shanley, Noret, Bennett, Casey, Chippendale, Casimiro, Craven, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND
CLEAN AIR PRESERVATION ACT {LC4132/1} (Creates "the Rhode Island clean air
preservation act.")

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7423](#)

BY Speakman, Spears, Potter, Cortvriend, Boylan, Carson, McGaw, DeSimone, Cotter, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC3777/1} (Requires the division of statewide
planning coordinate a wastewater capacity study to evaluate the capacity, flows, physical
conditions, regulatory compliance and vulnerabilities to natural hazards of publicly/privately owned
wastewater infrastructure.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7532](#)

BY Cortvriend, Noret, Phillips

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND {LC4425/1}
(Creates a 19-member joint commission to study and provide recommendations for effective sludge
management, and who would report back to the General Assembly by January 5, 2027, and would
expire on March 5, 2027.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7533](#)

BY Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Boylan, Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, Cotter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT A
RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT BE CONDUCTED ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE
WHICH PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY
{LC4883/1}

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7620](#)

BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Caldwell, Carson, Potter, Dawson, Batista, McEntee ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE CONVERSION FACILITY ACT {LC4875/1} (Establishes the Plastic Waste Conversion Facility Act.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7622](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, Kislak, Bennett, Handy, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL {LC3566/1} (Authorizes the department of environmental management to issue and enforce rules and regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of the food waste ban.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7735](#)

BY Carson, Spears, Cotter, McGaw, Cortvriend, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ORGANICS DIVERSION AT CATERED EVENTS ACT {LC4094/1} (Creates the "Organics Diversion at Catered Events Act" to require caterers to submit an annual diversion plan for food and organic waste to the department of environmental management for approval prior to permitting for covered events.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7736](#)

BY Boylan, Ajello, Stewart, Tanzi, Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Spears, Speakman, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC4945/1} (Prohibits the use of artificial turf as material to cover compacted solid waste at a sanitary landfill.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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