
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7499](#)

BY Stewart, Cotter, Cruz, Speakman, Boylan, Kislak, Kazarian, Alzate, Messier, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT ACT {LC4547/1} (Requires that an independent efficiency and performance audit of the department of transportation be commissioned by the department of administration.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7573](#)

BY McNamara, Hopkins, Solomon, Read, Shanley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC4697/1} (Permits municipalities to enter into contracts with the department of transportation for the municipality to perform minor and routine maintenance work on state highways, roadways, and shoulders located within the municipality.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7579](#)

BY Solomon, Biah, Hull, Shekarchi, Felix, J. Lombardi, Sanchez, Diaz, O'Brien, Giraldo ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REPEALING RHODE ISLAND'S RATIFICATION OF THE CORWIN AMENDMENT {LC4802/1} (This Joint Resolution would repeal the General Assembly's previous ratification of the Corwin Amendment.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7667](#)

BY Roberts, Hopkins, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING -- TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE {LC3957/1} (Provides specific language for signs to be posted at certain establishments notifying people of contact information to the national human trafficking resource center.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7670](#)

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF BICYCLES {LC4926/1} (Requires bicyclists to slow or stop at a stop sign and yield to vehicular traffic.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7672](#)

(by request)

BY Boylan, Fogarty, Casimiro, DeSimone, Read, Hull, Spears, Dawson, Felix, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED {LC4328/1} (Requires the placement of a stop sign at any intersection of a roadway and bike path.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7725](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY {LC5112/1} (Requires every vehicle that operates in intrastate commerce be permanently marked with a US DOT Number effective April 1, 2027.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/18/2026 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7789](#)

BY Boylan, Furtado, Potter, Serpa, Speakman, Kazarian, Caldwell, Tanzi, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS {LC3128/1} (Spells out requirements for operation of recreational vehicles, manual, electric or gas powered.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7790](#)

BY Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND REFLECTORS {LC3583/1} (Adds vehicles owned by the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. to the vehicles to be equipped with flashing lights.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7869](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC5789/1} (Provides a series of updates to size, weight, and load regulations for commercial and specialized vehicles.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7870](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Hull, Bennett, Biah, Shallcross Smith, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS {LC5111/1} (Clarifies when mobile equipment can travel on a public highway as an incidentally permitted practice limited to the active participation in an active work zone.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7984](#)

BY Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Alzate, Boylan, Spears, Donovan, Chippendale, Batista, Shanley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- INDEPENDENT

PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY AUDIT OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION {LC5776/1} (Requires that an independent performance and efficiency audit be conducted for the department of transportation by the auditor general.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7988](#)

BY Boylan, McGaw, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Speakman, Spears, Dawson, Carson, Caldwell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES {LC5783/1} (Charges a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each battery powered elective motor vehicle safety inspection. It would also require any vehicle, regardless of gross vehicle weight rating, to be subject to emissions inspection.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7989](#)

BY Baginski, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC5266/1} (Exempts certain vehicles that are not manufactured with the proper front registration plate bracket from the requirement that motor vehicles display a front facing registration plate.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7990](#)

BY Handy, McGaw, Cortvriend, Kislak, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TIRE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS {LC5402/1} (Establishes efficiency standards for tires intended to increase efficiency and improve emissions standards.)

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