
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7131 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7077](#)

BY Knight, Speakman, Caldwell, Felix, Potter, Shanley, Donovan, Boylan, Batista, Cortvriend ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING UNCONSTITUTIONAL TACTICS BY U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND BEYOND {LC3201/1}

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7198](#)

BY Felix, McEntee, Knight, J. Lombardi, Cruz, Morales, Alzate, Potter, Furtado, Place ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3856/1} (Further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7202](#)

BY Potter, McEntee, Morales, Kislak, Sanchez, Speakman, Ajello, Stewart, Cruz, Giraldo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DEFENSE ACT {LC4055/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Federal Constitution defense act.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7211](#)

BY Felix, J. Lombardi, Morales, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Alzate, Diaz, Craven, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT {LC4057/1} (Bars police from wearing masks or disguises when interacting with the public, require visible ID, allow limited safety and undercover exceptions, and impose criminal penalties and civil liability for violations.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7352](#)

BY McEntee, Craven, O'Brien, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT {LC4433/1} (Established a cause of action against state government entities for violation of civil rights.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7360](#)

BY Batista, Knight, Speakman, Cruz, Felix, Tanzi, Morales, McEntee, Diaz, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROTECT OUR COURTS ACT {LC3707/1} (Protects people attending Rhode Island court proceedings from civil arrest without a judicial warrant, ensures court access, sets enforcement rules, and provides remedies for violations.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7434](#)

BY Giraldo, Kazarian, Fogarty, Speakman, Alzate, Diaz, Stewart, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4030/1} (Prohibits ICE employees, agents or officials from being within two hundred feet (200 ft) of any polling place during voting.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7436](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Felix, Batista, Kazarian, Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS {LC4613/1} (Prohibits state and municipal officials or body from entering into and renewing any agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7439](#)

BY Alzate, Stewart, Batista, Tanzi, Fogarty, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT -- ICE OUT ACT {LC4602/1} (Prohibits law enforcement agencies from hiring individuals who was hired as a sworn officer of the US Immigration and Customs enforcement Agency on or after January 20, 2025 and would apply prospectively to an individual hired on or after October 1, 2026.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7637](#)

BY Alzate, Chippendale, Hull, Giraldo, Stewart, Casimiro, Fogarty, Felix, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY {LC4290/1} (Prohibit denial of an opportunity to apply for employment as a law enforcement officer or firefighter solely on the basis of a person's country of citizenship.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7689](#)

BY Handy, Stewart, Alzate, Slater, Kislak, Kazarian, Caldwell, Giraldo, Ajello, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4698/1} (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period and increases the monthly cash benefit to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level effective July 1, 2026.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/27/2026 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

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

House Resolution No. [8121](#)

BY Stewart, Alzate, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Diaz, Giraldo, Dawson, Morales, Furtado ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMMIGRANT IMPACT TASK FORCE {LC5505/1} (Creates an 11-member task force to track and oversee immigration enforcement and support actions in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the General Assembly House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2027.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8139](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC5690/1} (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8140](#)

BY Furtado ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LIMITATIONS ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION {LC5913/1} (Bars state and local police from joining federal immigration enforcement programs, limits holding people on detainer without judicial warrants, and requires tracking and reporting of requests.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Resolution No. [7131](#)

BY Sanchez, Stewart, Potter, Ajello, Cruz, Tanzi, Giraldo, Fogarty, Morales, Kislak ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF RENEE NICOLE GOOD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA {LC3913/1}

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/02/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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