
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

S-2427 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2076](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Pearson, Zurier, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES {LC3917/1} (Requires a corporation created under this statute to be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2205](#)

BY Appollonio, Thompson, Britto, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD {LC3905/1} (Expands various definitions relative to contractors, home inspectors, and claim adjusters to provide clarity regarding licensed and unlicensed vendors, consultants, or third-party representatives.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2343](#)

BY Paolino, Dimitri, Rogers, Patalano, Thompson, Pearson, DiPalma, Ujifusa, Burke, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC3301/1}

(Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2518](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Bell, Burke, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- STATE OF

RHODE ISLAND INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE ACT {LC4467/1} (Enacts the State of Rhode Island interior design practice act to control and regulate the professional practice of interior designers.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2523](#)

BY Gu, Tikoian, Bell, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS-VEHICLE SAFETY BARRIERS {LC5057/1} (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishments when new construction or renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2647](#)

BY Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION ACT {LC5335/1} (Establishes the commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning licensing and certification act. It also requires entities inspecting or cleaning commercial exhaust systems be licensed and insured.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2761](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CLIMATE REFORM ACT {LC5382/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2772](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS {LC5445/1} (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2765](#)

BY DiPalma, Gallo, Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT {LC5539/1} (Creates the green buildings act commission to consist of 17 members, responsible for the implementation of the green buildings act.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2346](#)

BY DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Gallo, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC4263/1} (Establishes property, tangible, sales and use tax exemptions as incentives for the location of qualified data centers in Rhode Island.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2776](#)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5535/1} (Requires that certain data centers requiring large amounts of electricity be required to fund the cost of necessary infrastructure improvements to supply such electricity.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2427](#)

BY Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Ujifusa, Felag, Valverde, Vargas, Britto, Gallo, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION {LC4836/1} (Requires the public utilities commission to provide for a classification of service for retail electricity consumers that are large energy use facilities.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/07/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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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