
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7183](#)

BY Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Handy, Bennett, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING BENCHMARKING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2026 {LC4069/1} (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7184](#)

BY Kislak, Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McGaw, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ACT OF 2026 {LC4071/1} (Directs the office of energy resources to develop building performance standards for large buildings in Rhode Island that would cause greenhouse gas emissions to decline in line with the act on climate requirements.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7484](#)

(by request)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BUILDINGS CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT {LC3214/1} (Requires large developments, those to be constructed on a parcel of land that is greater than 50,000 square feet in size provide carbon impact reports as part of the permitting process prior to approval and issuance of a building permit.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7623](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Batista, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS {LC4904/1} (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7738](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC3193/1} (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7739](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Handy, Carson, Boylan, Bennett, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT {LC4093/1} (Creates the green buildings act commission to consist of 17 members, responsible for the implementation of the green buildings act.)

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

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

House Bill No. [8132](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, McGaw, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DECARBONIZATION DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2026 {LC3520/1} (Creates the multi-unit residential decarbonization initiative program to provide funding for feasibility studies to convert large, multi-family residential units to non-emitting renewable geothermal energy.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

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