
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

S-2686 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2118](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC3665/1} (Allows the office of health insurance commissioner (OHIC) as the state agency that has the authority to designate patient-centered medical home (PCMH) care to obtain maximal health outcomes.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Resolution No. [2257](#)

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Murray, Lauria, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Gallo, Vargas ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (EOHHS) TO ADOPT AN ELECTRONIC PREADMISSION SCREENING AND RESIDENT REVIEW (PASRR) SYSTEM {LC3912/1}

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2686](#)

~~**BY McKenney, Raptakis, Bissailon, Britto, Gu, Tikoian ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE {LC5014/1} (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island.)~~

~~02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services~~

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

Senate Bill No. [2689](#)

BY Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC5581/1} (Mandates that the EOHHS assemble a network of equity zones where local multisector groups of nonprofits, service providers, advocates, community members, state agencies, and municipalities can address social factors of health at a local level.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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Senate Bill No. [2850](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC5341/1}

(Reduces funeral home inspections from twice a year to once a year and removes the practical exam requirement for out-of-state funeral directors and embalmers.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2854](#)

BY Thompson, Murray, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC5524/1}

(Transfers responsibility for implementation of services for persons with traumatic brain injuries from the director of the department of human services to the EOHHS.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2857](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY {LC5350/1} (Repeals the older of the two existing chapters related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes several amendments to reconcile the two statutes into one.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2867](#)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC5696/1} (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2874](#)

BY DiPalma, Valverde, Ujifusa, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND

PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC5719/1} (Creates the position of dementia services coordinator within the department of health to coordinate the departments' approach to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.)

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Senate Bill No. [2891](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Urso, Ciccone, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC5345/1} (Clarifies and updates language in the office of state medical examiners statute to address outdated or ambiguous language, outdated practices, outdated position titles/qualifications, and ensure compliance with federal HIPAA requirements.)

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Senate Bill No. [3024](#)

BY Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, LaMountain, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC6014/1} (Increases the number of state childcare licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) childcare providers.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 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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