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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 12, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Room 211 State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [7127](#)

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

{LC4134/1}

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

### **Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner:**

-FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets

[Article 4:](#) Relating to Debt Management Act Joint Resolutions

[Article 6, Question 1:](#) Relating to Capital Development Program (Higher Education Facilities bond)

### **University of Rhode Island:**

- FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets

[Article 1, Section 12:](#) Exempts URI from the FTE cap

### **Rhode Island College:**

- FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets

[Article 7, Sections 4 and 5:](#) Relating to Education (Hope Scholarship)

### **Community College of Rhode Island:**

- FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2830](#)

**BY DiPalma, Gallo, Acosta, Zurier, Vargas**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC5663/1} (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling two hundred seventeen million dollars (\$217,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November 2026.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

## **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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