
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

H-7971 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7147](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS {LC4108/1} (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7490](#)

BY Potter, Bennett, Read, Shanley, Edwards, Messier, Furtado, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES--OVERTIME {LC4604/1} (Requires small employers with one to fifty (1-50) employees and large employers with fifty (50) or more employees to pay overtime wages to exempt workers if their salary exceeds varying multipliers of minimum wage for a forty (40) hour workweek.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7769](#)

BY Furtado, Kazarian, Stewart, Messier, Kislak, Cruz, Alzate, McGaw, Felix, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC4705/1} (Sets the minimum wage for 2027 at twenty dollars (\$20) per hour.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7770](#)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Alzate, Messier, Furtado, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC5268/1} (Increases the minimum hourly wage commencing January 1, 2029, by an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Northeast Region for the calendar year 2027.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7771](#)

BY Sanchez, Cruz, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC5012/1} (Provides that commencing January 1, 2027, the minimum wage shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per hour.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7772](#)

BY Sanchez, Corvese, Tanzi, Lima, Fellela, Ajello, Handy, Serpa, Read, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES -- HEALTHCARE WORKER OVERTIME PAY {LC5010/1} (Requires all health care workers who are employed on any Sunday or holiday, to be compensated at the rate of time and one-half.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7959](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES {LC5715/1} (Requires the employer, at the time of hiring, to furnish to their employees an itemized list of the terms and conditions of the employment and mandates that each payday a pay stub explaining how their wages were calculated is provided.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7960](#)

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES {LC5370/1} (Eliminates prescribed timelines for hearing and determination in certain enforcement actions before the department labor and training to align with reasonable practice.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7961](#)

BY Bennett, Corvese, McEntee, Morales, Speakman, McNamara, Handy, Hull, Carson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES {LC5734/1} (Makes construction contractors civilly liable and/or jointly civilly liable for any claims of wage theft or nonpayment from an employee against the contractor, its subcontractors and any subcontractor.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7971](#)

~~BY Corvese, Read, Dawson, Casey, Solomon, Kennedy, DeSimone, Azzinaro, Phillips, Noret ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS {LC5809/1} (Raises the minimum threshold contract price before public works contractors are required to pay prevailing wages to their employees, from \$1,000 to \$100,000.)~~

~~02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor~~

~~03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7972](#)

BY Shanley, Corvese, Cruz, Casimiro, Casey, Solomon, Dawson, Cotter, Spears, Bennett ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC5171/1} (Amends the process for creating and governing project labor agreements ("PLA").)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7973](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS {LC5179/1} (Excludes from the definition of an "employee" any individual employed in catering, commissary, or food establishment, for purposes of the provisions requiring payment of wages at one and one-half normal rate of pay for work on holidays and Sundays.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8248](#)

BY DeSimone, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC6001/1} (Provides educators and administrators employed in a charter public school or mayoral academy with prevailing wage and benefits oversight and recourse if found in violation of the same.)

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03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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