
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

**H-7175 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR
H-7069 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7068](#)

BY Solomon, Casey, Carson, Speakman, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC3444/1} (Expands the review and oversight of regional transmission spending by the energy facilities siting board.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

~~**House Bill No. [7069](#)**~~

~~**BY McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Spears, Handy, Fogarty, Stewart, Carson, Cortvriend, Kislak**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC3549/1} (Removes clean coal as a renewable fuel given priority as an energy generation project.)~~

~~01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

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

House Bill No. [7139](#)

BY Place, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Roberts, Newberry, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM {LC3623/1} (Requires that any costs, tariffs or other mandates related to the state's renewable energy growth program be reviewed and approved by the general assembly.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7174](#)

BY Paplauskas, Fascia, Hopkins, Santucci, Place, Roberts, Newberry, J. Brien, Quattrocchi, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC3600/1} (Repeals the energy efficiency charge.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7175](#)

~~BY Chippendale, J. Brien, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS SUPPLIERS {LC3576/1} (Requires Rhode Island Energy to enter into at least one long-term contract, for at least a four (4) year period, to procure natural gas pipeline capacity with an interstate pipeline operator.)~~

~~01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

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

House Bill No. [7176](#)

BY Chippendale, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Santucci, J. Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM {LC3575/1} (Repeals the renewable energy growth program.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7177](#)

BY Chippendale, J. Brien, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MORATORIUM ON NET METERING, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR HEAT PUMPS {LC3582/1} (Places a moratorium on net metering contracts, subsidies for heat pumps and long-term contracts for the purchasing of solar or wind energy.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7178](#)

BY Phillips, J. Brien, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Hull, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE {LC3928/1} (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7182](#)

BY Fascia, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Place, Perez, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC3627/1} (Limits the development of utility scale solar energy projects.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7269](#)

BY Speakman, Spears, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, McEntee, Cotter, Handy, Alzate, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING -- PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES {LC3246/1} (Excludes portable solar generation devices intended primarily to offset part of a customer's electricity consumption from the definition of eligible net-metering system.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7523](#)

BY Fascia, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Chippendale, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC3630/1} (Establishes a five (5) year moratorium from July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2031, on the RE growth program charge, renewable energy distribution charge and the energy efficiency programs public policy charges on electricity bills.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7611](#)

BY Lima, Costantino, J. Brien, Casey, Noret, Hopkins, Shanley, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC5084/1} (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7726](#)

BY Boylan, Potter, DeSimone, Handy, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Voas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR COST REDUCTION ACT {LC4762/1} (Amend the state's online E-Permitting Portal using automated plan review and instant permit issuance.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7727](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Tanzi, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OFFSHORE WIND PROCUREMENT POLICY STUDY COMMISSION {LC4870/1} (Establishes the offshore wind procurement policy study commission.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7876](#)

BY Stewart, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT {LC5657/1} (Excludes nuclear power from the office of energy resources and division of public utilities from participation, procuring and entering into long-term contracts.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7879](#)

BY Cortvriend, Handy, Boylan, McGaw, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK AND JOB ACT {LC4920/1} (Facilitates the study of thermal energy technology to determine if these goals can be met by the implementation of thermal energy networks in Rhode Island.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7884](#)

BY Handy, McGaw, Stewart, Tanzi, Hull, Edwards, Caldwell, Cruz, Potter, Furtado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- FEDERAL BACKSTOP LANGUAGE {LC4496/1} (Establishes federal back stop language for any provisions of federal law relating to any of the energy or water conservation standards issued or approved for publication by the office of the United States Secretary of Energy as of January 19, 2025)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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