
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [3056](#)

BY Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS {LC6130/1} (Allows EOHHS to implement waiver amendments, state plan amendments, and changes to department rules and regulations to make certain updates to the behavioral health per-diem add on program for particularly complex patients.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [3057](#)

BY Lauria, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, DiPalma, Mack, Kallman, Urso

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RHODE ISLAND'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE RELATED TO EDUCATING AND RETAINING PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS {LC5397/1} (Creates a 17-member Commission to study Rhode Island's healthcare workforce related to educating and retaining primary care providers and who would report back annually to the President of the Senate.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3058](#)

BY Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- 988 CALL CENTER AND BH LINK OPERATIONS ACT {LC5059/1} (Establishes the operations necessary for a 988 hotline for suicide prevention/behavioral health crisis management. Establishes the operations necessary for acute mental health crisis outreach/stabilization services in direct response to the 988 hotline.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3061](#)

BY Thompson, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5063/1} (Requires healthcare insurers, without prior authorization, to provide post-acute care services to patients discharged from a hospital for a minimum of seven (7) days commencing on or after January 1, 2027.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [3063](#)

BY McKenney, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RHODE ISLAND'S MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE COSTS IN RHODE ISLAND {LC6092/1} (Creates commission to study medical malpractice issues relating to lawsuits, claims, settlements, filings and related impact on insurance costs for providers with report due 10/1/27 and expiration on 1/31/28.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3064](#)

BY Sosnowski, Lauria, Lawson, Ciccone, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5342/1} (Establishes the framework to create a medical school at the University of Rhode Island and provides an initial appropriation of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) as the first phase of a multi-year investment for the development of a medical school.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3066](#)

BY Lawson, Murray, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILDREN'S MOBILE RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES {LC6098/1} (Establishes a statewide mobile response and stabilization services program to provide rapid crisis response and short-term stabilization for children and youth in their natural environments.)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3065](#)

BY DiMario, Britto, Bissailon, Zurier, Kallman, Mack, Acosta, Lauria, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5016/1} (Requires that reimbursement rates for certified mobile response and stabilization services be equal to or greater than the prevailing integrated state Medicaid rate for mobile response and stabilizations services)

03/12/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2883](#)

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BY Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS {LC5367/1} (Authorizes the department of children, youth and families to license mobile response and stabilization services (MRSS).)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2467](#)

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, Tikoian, de la Cruz, DiMario, Kallman, Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC3570/1} (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2564](#)

BY Ujifusa, Euer, Mack, Zurier, Murray, Acosta, DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC5074/1} (Provides that for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders, payors would rely upon criteria which reflect generally accepted standards of care when developing coverage.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 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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