

Speaker Shekarchi to announce 2024 housing legislation

STATE HOUSE – House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi will continue his efforts to address Rhode Island’s housing crisis with his fourth package of legislation pertaining to housing, which he will unveil during a news conference on Thursday.

The news conference will be held **Thursday, March 7, at 3:15 p.m. in the House Lounge** on the second floor of the State House.

Shekarchi has announced a comprehensive suite of housing legislation each year since becoming Speaker in 2021; his 2024 efforts build upon the initiatives outlined in his previous legislative parcels.

Speaker Shekarchi (D-Dist. 23, Warwick) will be joined by Rhode Island Secretary of Housing Stefan Pryor; Rep. June S. Speakman, chair of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Housing Affordability; Thomas E. Deller, chair of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Land Use; members of both commissions; legislators; housing and homelessness advocates; builders; and developers.

The news conference will be televised live on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox channel 61, on i3Broadband channel 15 and on Verizon channel 34. It will also be live streamed at capitoltvri.cablecast.tv, where it will be available to view on demand after the event. Media members wishing to arrange for in-person coverage are asked to contact Emily Martineau at emartineau@rilegislature.gov.