
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7738](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC3193/1} (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7004](#)

BY Boylan, Handy, Knight, McGaw, Bennett, Potter, Fogarty, Spears, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2026 {LC3571/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act of 2026.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7081](#)

BY Boylan, Kislak, McGaw, Handy, Fogarty, Spears, Speakman, Cortvriend, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEXT GENERATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACT {LC3135/1} (Prohibits the use of heating systems utilizing fossil fuels as well as air or water heating systems in any state or municipal building open to the public constructed, altered or renovated on or after January 1, 2028.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/20/2026 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

03/16/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Resolution No. [7344](#)

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS {LC3190/1} (Establishes a permanent commission on climate change impacts and solutions.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7530](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Fascia, Nardone, Santucci, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Chippendale, Cotter, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC3618/1} (Exempts homes under two thousand (2,000) square feet from automatic statewide IECC energy mandates, allowing municipalities to decide whether to adopt climate-focused building code requirements for small and modest homes.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7531](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE {LC4694/1} (Repeals the 2021 Act on Climate which established a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate in its entirety.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7912](#)

BY Cortvriend, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Handy, Tanzi, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT {LC3187/1} (Creates the Rhode Island clean heat standards act to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7917](#)

BY Carson, McGaw, Kislak, Boylan, Knight, Speakman, Cortvriend, McEntee, Bennett, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL -- MANDATORY ACT ON CLIMATE COMPLIANCE IN STATE BUDGETING AND PLANNING {LC5302/1} (Requires that state departments and agencies integrate the recommendations contained in the act on climate strategy report.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7991](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Bennett, Handy, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESILIENCE -- NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR EROSION CONTROL, WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND EXPEDITED PERMITTING {LC3490/1} (Provides that DEM regulations and CRMC in consultation with the chief resilience officer shall update to prioritize nature based solutions for coastal resilience projects that would be coordinated by DEM using an expedited permitting process.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/04/2026 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

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