
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7773](#)

BY Potter, Craven, Read, Edwards, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE {LC5155/1} (Amends the workers' compensation reimbursement provisions related to the liability of third person for damages.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7963](#)

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Furtado, Messier, Cruz, Stewart, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS {LC5372/1} (Transfers authority over the examination and licensing of telecommunications professionals to the state board of examiners of electricians and amends the composition of that body to require the inclusion of a telecommunications professional.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7964](#)

BY Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Kislak, Cotter, Morales, Furtado, McEntee, Tanzi, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT {LC5164/1} (Establishes an opportunity for employee ownership where the owner notifies all current full-time and part-time employees and provides them with a 30-day window in which to initiate a process to potentially purchase the business as a workers' cooperative.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7966](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE EXTREME TEMPERATURE WORKER PROTECTION ACT {LC5697/1} (Requires employers to protect workers from extreme heat and cold by implementing safety plans, providing paid rest breaks, shade or warmth, drinking water, and protective equipment, ensuring training, and recordkeeping.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7969](#)

BY Fellela, Serpa, Hull, Edwards, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY {LC5489/1} (Ensures that the State of Rhode Island adopt the protections afforded under the Occupational Safety and Health Act if its scope or enforcement capacity is diminished.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7970](#)

BY Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES {LC5817/1} (Requires that locksmiths in Rhode Island must be licensed and have passed a criminal background check.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 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~~

~~03/16/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor~~

~~03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [8138](#)

BY Tanzi, McGaw, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Batista, Stewart, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC5821/1} (In effect repeals the provisions of the newly enacted law prohibiting smoking in pari mutual facilities with the exception for businesses operating as a pari mutual facility smoking lounge.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8277](#)

BY Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Edwards, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PLUMBERS, IRRIGATORS, AND WATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS {LC6024/1} (Grants hourly credit of 288 hours against 576 hours if graduate of accredited trade school/raises to 4 years of work under master plumber and requires 8,000 hours of on-the-job training plus 5 years of registration with DLT.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8311](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH {LC6132/1} (Requires employers to protect employees from extreme temperatures through rest breaks, PPE, training, and equipment, and mandates quarterly supervisor training, to recognize and mitigate heat- and cold-related risks.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8330](#)

BY Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT {LC5996/1} (Requires employers to provide full-time employees four (4) hours of paid leave once a year to donate blood through and any approved blood donation program.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8331](#)

BY Morales, Potter, Voas, Cruz, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE TRADES WORKER JUSTICE AND SAFETY ACT {LC3730/1} (Establishes the trades worker justice and safety act to help provide workers with a workplace free from harassment, discrimination, intimidation, bullying, abuse and retaliation.)

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