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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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**S-3133 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME  
S-2813 and S-3013 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 2, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the Senate  
**PLACE:** Room 211 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [7127](#)

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

{LC4134/1}

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

[Article 2, Section 2:](#) RIPTA Share of Highway Maintenance Account

[Article 5, Section 8:](#) Cruise Ship Landing Fees for RIPTA

[Article 11, Section 2:](#) Motor Fuel Tax Reduction

- Department of Transportation: FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets
- Rhode Island Public Transit Authority: FY2026 Supplemental and FY2027 Budgets

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2092](#)

BY Kallman, Lawson, Urso, Valverde, Zurier, Pearson, Mack, Ujifusa, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE OR  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY VEHICLE SURCHARGE {LC3689/1} (Imposes a  
seventy-five cent (0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies as well as an account to  
benefit RIPTA from the payment of sales taxes collected from rideshares.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2095](#)**

**BY Zurier, McKenney, Gu, Acosta, Bissaillon, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Vargas, Quezada ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT OF 2011 {LC3700/1}

(Gives 20% of proceeds in RI Highway Maintenance Account to RIPTA.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2541](#)**

**BY E Morgan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC3290/1} (Repeals the act authorizing toll facilities on state roads.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2668](#)**

**BY Zurier, Bissaillon, McKenney, DiMario, Acosta, Britto**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX {LC5294/1} (Sets the allocation to RIPTA at the greater of \$0.1175 per gallon or 29.375% of total proceeds, with \$0.005 per gallon derived from the \$0.01 per gallon environmental protection fee.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2680](#)**

**BY Bell, Mack, Kallman, Quezada**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC5404/1} (Prohibits RIPTA from using state funds or the proceeds of any bond(s) to pay for any work performed after 8/1/26, pursuant to the “transit center joint development project” RFP and/or pursuant to related the preliminary services agreement.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Resolution No. [2825](#)**

**BY McKenney, Appollonio, Urso, Bissaillon, Zurier, DiPalma, Quezada**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC5389/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the RI Public Transit Authority to continue services, hire and train more bus operators, and implement the State's Act on Climate goals.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3084](#)**

**BY Britto, McKenney, Bissaillon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC5852/1} (Establishes a restricted receipt account for RIPTA to fund its operations from sales tax collected from ride-share companies. Exempts the account from indirect cost recovery provisions.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3132](#)**

**BY Britto, Burke, Murray**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES {LC6172/1} (Allows the state to require utilities to relocate facilities for certain highway projects and to pay the cost of the relocation to the utility as part of the cost of the federally aided highway project.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3133](#)**

~~**BY Britto, McKenney, Burke, Murray**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4331/1} (Establishes a restricted receipt account for the benefit of the Rhode Island public transit authority, funded by sales taxes collected from ride-share companies, which said sales taxes would be exempt from indirect cost recovery provisions.)~~

~~03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance~~

~~03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**Senate Bill No. [2813](#)**

**BY Vargas, Bissaillon, Thompson, Quezada, Zurier, Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Kallman**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC5842/1} (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3013](#)**

**BY Vargas, Murray, Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Zurier**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES {LC5969/1} (Increases and reallocates the fees collected for motor vehicle inspections, including motorcycle inspections, with an allocation of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA).)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 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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