
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

**H7226 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR
PROPOSED SUB A FOR H7083 HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7083](#)

BY Lima, Potter, Cruz, Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Handy, Bennett, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

{LC3945/1} (Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7218](#)

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Blazejewski, Diaz, Slater, Sanchez, Biah, DeSimone, Morales, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY

ACT {LC4257/1} (Creates the Crook Point Bridge Authority for the purpose of maintain the Crook Point Bascule Bridge and any property related thereto.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7777](#)

BY McNamara, Read, Shanley, Solomon, Hopkins, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL

POWERS--WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3173/1} (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8230](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5550/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2149](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3185/1} (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

03/26/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/27/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/31/2026 Senate read and passed

04/01/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2401 SUB A as amended](#)

BY Gallo, Vargas, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC4296/A/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

03/25/2026 Proposed Substitute

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03/26/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

03/27/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/31/2026 Senate passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

04/01/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7083 SUB A](#)
{LC3945/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7226](#)

~~BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, J. Brien, Newberry, Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION {LC3629/1} (Expands Rhode Island Housing's authority to revise the qualified allocation plan to prioritize cost-efficient affordable housing production and total units, while reducing the scoring weight of non-production-related criteria.)~~

~~01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing~~

~~04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7446](#)

BY Cotter, McGaw, Fogarty, Edwards, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Casimiro, Newberry, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4172/1} (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7447](#)

BY Roberts, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION {LC4630/1} (Restores the requirement that a local review board issue findings for denial in reviewing a comprehensive permit request and clarifies that affordable housing units shall be included in each town and city when the building permits for units are granted.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7565](#)

BY Fellela, Fascia, Costantino, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4658/1} (Changes the residential limit for any substantial multi-family housing project not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) residents according to the United States Census Bureau.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7659](#)

BY Santucci, Chippendale, Newberry, Nardone, Roberts, Hopkins, Place, Costantino, Fascia ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4882/1} (Prohibits contractors from submitting a single application to a local review board seeking a comprehensive permit for housing projects in certain circumstances.)
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7778](#)

BY Noret, Morales, Azzinaro, Read, Fascia, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Messier, Serpa, Fellela ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4937/1} (Amends the current law on low-income housing to include moderate-income housing and eliminates the income percentages used to determine qualifications for low or moderate income housing.)
02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8017](#)

BY Morales, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC4889/1} (Changes the assessment for residential property where forty percent (40%) of the dwellings are below eighty percent (80%) of statewide median income and thirty percent (30%) are below sixty percent (60%).)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8018](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Casey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC5558/1} (Requires that any new residential construction shall have a minimum of two means of egress consisting of standard exterior doors.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8023](#)

BY Fellela, Fascia, Azzinaro, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5487/1} (Authorizes the Johnston town council to set tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution for qualified individuals defined in the act.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8032](#)

BY Cotter, Kennedy, Chippendale, McGaw, Casimiro, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5780/1} (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8035](#)

BY Santucci, Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Costantino, Place, Roberts, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PROPERTY TAX/RENT FREEZE BILL {LC5468/1} (Prohibits cities or towns that implement a rent control ordinance from raising property taxes and such prohibition would last for as long as the rent control ordinance is in effect.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8043](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FOLLOW THE FIRST SOURCE HIRING ORDINANCE MANDATES {LC5889/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8363](#)

BY DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC6196/1} (Authorizes municipalities, through ordinance, to require private real property owners to obtain a license to operate a dwelling unit as student housing.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8368](#)

(by request)

BY Kennedy, Cotter, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- TOWN OF HOPKINTON MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3510/1} (Grants the town council of the town of Hopkinton the authority to confer jurisdiction to the municipal court to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Chief of Police related to the return of seized firearms.)

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04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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