
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

H-7996 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST
H-7671 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2147 SUB A](#)

BY Burke, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC4179/A/1}

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
03/24/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/24/2026 Proposed Substitute
03/26/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
03/27/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/31/2026 Senate passed Sub A
04/01/2026 Referred to House State Government & Elections
04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7309](#)

BY Lima, Costantino, Azzinaro, Slater, Baginski, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC4274/1} (Authorizes a property owner to pursue reasonable actions to protect their property from coastal hazards that affect life, infrastructure, or essential land uses without prior approval.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7330](#)

BY Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Bennett, Craven, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS {LC4099/1} (Allows private employees at nursing homes, developmental disability and home care providers whose salaries are 90% funded with federal or state monies to be eligible to opt into the state healthcare plan.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/10/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/27/2026 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7452](#)

BY Craven, DeSimone, Casimiro, O'Brien, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING {LC4649/1} (Permits the implementation of a system of electronic registration and titling of motor vehicles, by the DMV and would require that rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter, would be promulgated by the administrator of the DMV.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/01/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/09/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [7671](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY ~~Cotter~~

~~ENTITLED~~, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ~~SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS~~ {LC5113/1} (~~Provides a series of updates to size, weight, and load regulations for commercial and specialized vehicles.~~)

~~02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

House Bill No. [7673](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Tanzi, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY {LC4929/1} (Authorizes the department of environmental management to enter into leases of up to forty (40) years at State Pier #9 in Newport, Chase Marina in Tiverton, and all other ports and marine facilities owned and operated by the department.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7674](#)

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC4963/1} (Defines public-private partnerships and provides the framework to encourage the use of public-private partnerships for proposals for state purchases.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7675](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION {LC3567/1} (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7822](#)

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FORENSIC AUDIT ACT {LC5805/1}

(Requires that an independent forensic audit of the department of transportation be commissioned by the attorney general.)

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7915](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Cotter, Handy, Carson, Tanzi, Noret, Bennett, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- REGULATION OF BOATS {LC5355/1} (Authorizes the collection of a small additional fee, in addition to the registration fee paid by motorboat owners, to be deposited in a restricted account, in order to fund the newly established freshwater lake management program.)

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

04/01/2026 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7982](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC3509/1} (Establishes a performance audit division within the office of the auditor general.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7987](#)

BY Tanzi, Shanley, McGaw, Potter, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Batista, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC5820/1} (Creates an emergency action plan related to the operation of warming and cooling centers during periods of extreme weather and establishes a statewide notification system with the National Weather Service initiating warming/cooling center alerts.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7993](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Morales, Stewart, Cotter, Potter, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC5623/1} (Establishes a bureau of public protection within the department of attorney general.)

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

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

~~**House Bill No. [7996](#)**~~

~~**BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Carson, Bennett, Cotter, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Donovan, Spears, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC4941/1}**~~ (Reorganizes the coastal resources management council under the department of environmental management and create the bureau of coastal resources management.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7997](#)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES {LC5405/1} (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe as a Native American Indian tribe for the limited purpose of assisting this tribe in establishing eligibility for federal benefits and privileges.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7998](#)

BY Tanzi, Boylan, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Cortvriend, Donovan, Batista, Shanley, Stewart ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE {LC5426/1} (Requires the governor, when presenting his proposed budget articles for each fiscal year to set forth the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards the mandated goals set forth in the 2021 Act on Climate.)

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

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

House Bill No. [7999](#)

BY Cortvriend, Kazarian, Spears, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC5181/1} (Allows for food and food supplies procurement by the state of less than \$25,000 in aggregate under the small purchase regulations.)

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

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

House Bill No. [8312](#)

BY Phillips, Bennett, Noret, Read, Hull, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS {LC6107/1} (Removes the exemption for tinting of the windshield and imposes fines of \$250 for a first and second offense and subsequent offenses are punishable by a \$250 fine and up to a one year suspension of the vehicle registration.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

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