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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**S-2869 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the Senate  
**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [2119](#)

**BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC3832/1}** (Provides that the EOHHS, through Emergency Medicaid, cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for RI residents who do not qualify for full Medicaid under federal law due to their immigration status.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [2464](#)

**BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC3263/1}** (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2027.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [2567](#)

**BY Kallman, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Mack, Valverde, Ujifusa, Zurier, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNIVERSAL AND UNIFIED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ACT {LC3687/1}** (Establishes a universal and unified healthcare system and reform the current payment system for healthcare coverage in this state.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

### Senate Bill No. [2686](#)

**BY McKenney, Raptakis, Bissailon, Britto, Gu, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE {LC5014/1}** (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

03/11/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

**Senate Bill No. [2861](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Appollonio, Thompson, Burke, Dimitri, Patalano, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Mack, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS {LC5343/1}**

(Allows electronic notifications modernize language for notifications, synchronize renewal dates for certain license-types, streamline licensing requirements across several license-types, and update the unlicensed health care practices statute.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2869](#)**

~~**BY Valverde, DiMario, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND STORAGE ACT {LC5517/1}**~~ (Creates the "Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2025." Also

~~requires the department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.)~~

~~03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services~~

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

**Senate Bill No. [3091](#)**

**BY Bissaillon, DiPalma, DiMario, Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE**

**OVERSIGHT {LC6056/1}** (Charges the office of the health insurance commissioner to incorporate uncompensated care as a formula-driven numeric adjustment in the methodology used to establish any affordability standard or rate cap, applicable to hospital contracts.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2254](#)**

**BY Euer, Vargas, Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, Valverde, Quezada, Mack, DiMario, Murray**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS**

**INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4195/1}** (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2027, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2863](#)**

**BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Lauria, Ujjifusa, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5388/1} (Requires the state, and private insurers that cover prescription hormone therapy, to dispense twelve (12) months' worth of the prescription as a single prescription.)**

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

**Senate Bill No. [2889](#)**

**BY LaMountain, Vargas**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC5515/1} (Prescriptions for testosterone not allowed to be transmitted or reported within the prescription drug monitoring database and removes from the records all existing information concerning prior testosterone prescriptions.)**

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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7, 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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