
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2012](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Dimitri, Tikoian, Patalano, Ciccone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BILLS ACT {LC3326/1} (Requires electric and gas utilities to provide a detailed breakdown of supply, delivery, and public policy costs on electric and gas bills, including specific costs for renewable energy sources, and mandate public comment and PUC approval.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2013](#)

BY Kallman, Britto, Sosnowski, Urso, Bissailon, Acosta, Mack, Gu, Lauria, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT {LC3688/1} (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2074](#)

BY Ciccone, Burke, Urso, Acosta, Tikoian, Felag, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC4183/1} (Defines that a conspicuous display is a visual illustration showing each component of the utility bill and the cost associated with each component of said bill.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [3125](#)

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Rogers, de la Cruz, Thompson, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC6143/1} (Provides that every gas distribution company that charges for the distribution of would need to include certain information on any bill or statement provided to the consumer.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2429](#)

BY Ciccone, Felag, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4968/1} (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2641](#)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC5292/1} (Establishes statewide standards governing electric meter reading and billing practices.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2767](#)

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT {LC5760/1} (Requires any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal roadway for work to provide notice to all residential and business property owners located within 1,000 ft of the closed highway at least 48 hrs before the road closure.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2777](#)

BY Gu, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5965/1} (Provides that effective July 1, 2026, the profit margin of any electric distribution company or distributor of natural gas, would not exceed four percent (4%), in any given calendar year.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2779](#)

BY Euer, DiMario, Gu, Valverde, Acosta, McKenney, Kallman, Pearson, Quezada, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC5167/1} (Prohibits public utilities, serving greater 100,000 customers from recovering through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with, amongst other costs, advertising, marketing, communications.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2202](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Ciccone, Zurier, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3828/1} (Directs the public utilities commission to establish a standardized framework for determining authorized common equity ratios and authorized rates of returns on equity for public utilities.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

Senate Bill No. [2345](#)

BY Ujifusa, E Morgan, Murray, Lauria, DiPalma, Acosta, Bell, DiMario, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT -- RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026 {LC4129/1} (Enacts the Rhode Island Broadband Oversight and Accountability Act of 2026.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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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