
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7078](#)

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD {LC3373/1} (Raises the amount of life insurance the state provides at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7097](#)

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC3374/1} (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7098](#)

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC3375/1} (Eliminates the registration and service charge fees for National Guard plates.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7099](#)

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS -- PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENTS {LC3379/1} (Provides Rhode Island residents over nonresidents with priority when making reservations to secure a campsite and other recreational facilities.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7159](#)

BY Edwards, Donovan, Ackerman, McEntee, Kislak, Casimiro, Diaz, Solomon, Slater, Casey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT {LC4106/1} (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ and duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7248](#)

(by request)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC3191/1}

(Reinstates general revenue sharing of state aid among the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. The initial amount is based upon population, and increased annually thereafter based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7249](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4076/1}

(Provides that any facility operated by the federal Department of Defense would be eligible for payment in lieu of taxes.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7251](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET {LC3654/1}

(Limits growth in state spending from exceeding the amount of growth in inflation or personal income growth, whichever is greater.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7256](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS

AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS {LC4110/1} (Allows for trucks with a gross vehicle weight of eight thousand five hundred pounds (8,500 lbs.) or less to have passenger registration license plates.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [7257](#)

BY Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Paplauskas, J. Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- ESTABLISHING A STATE SPENDING GROWTH LIMIT BASED ON INFLATION OR PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH {LC3657/1} (Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a state spending growth limit based on inflation or personal income growth.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7311](#)

BY Nardone, Quattrocchi, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC4279/1} (Limits the authority of the Rhode Island commerce corporation to finance any transaction to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for any one individual, business entity or project.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7461](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4615/1} (Includes municipal detention facility corporations as exempt from taxation, and requires that an amount equal to 27% of all tax that would have been collected if the property was taxable be paid to the municipality annually.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7502](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Slater, Bennett, Azzinaro, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS {LC4823/1} (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7505](#)

BY Stewart, Cotter, Tanzi, Ajello, Carson, Cruz, Speakman, Boylan, Kislak, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 {LC4588/1} (Sunsets/discontinues the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2026.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7585](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Voas, Giraldo, Solomon, Potter, Dawson, Read, O'Brien, McNamara, Boylan, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4639/1} (Permits hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under the crime victim compensation program.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7589](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC3194/1} (Provides the general assembly make an annual appropriation of not less than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Rhode Island emergency management agency to assist with emergency communications during major or multiple emergency incidents.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7691](#)

BY Stewart, Morales, Casimiro, Giraldo, Alzate, McNamara, Tanzi, Boylan, Kazarian, Messier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES {LC4798/1} (Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2027.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [7707](#)

BY Biah, DeSimone, Kislak, Slater, Sanchez, J. Lombardi, O'Brien, Batista, Lima, Costantino ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$800,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE {LC5193/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$800,000 to WaterFire Providence.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7810](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, McEntee, Fellela, Serpa, Cruz, Noret, Ackerman, Casey, Solomon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS {LC5299/1} (Caps delinquent tax interest rate at 12%. Prohibits audits beyond 3 years from date of tax filing, 7 years for fraudulent filings, and in no event beyond 10 years from date of filing or required filing date, whichever is later.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8153](#)

BY Cotter, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES {LC5689/1} (Requires the state to reimburse the Exeter fire and rescue departments for seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of any call made to state property)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8155](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Diaz, Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Kennedy, Fellela, Furtado, Kislak, Ajello, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4642/1} (Under the emergency fund for victims, increases the share of a victim's total award that may be used for relocation related expenses but not increase total compensation available to a victim.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8168](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Kislak, Edwards, McGaw, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

{LC5722/1} (Increases reimbursement caps promulgated in 2018 and applies to eligible costs for library projects incurred from June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2031, or ending earlier if the Office of Library Information Services amends the regulations.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8187](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

{LC5766/1} (Provides that credits issued pursuant to § 44-11-2.3 relating to pass through entities would be refundable.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8191](#)

(Health Source of Rhode Island)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Donovan, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC5896/1}

(Provides proper authority for the division of taxation to provide HSRI with contact information for Rhode Islanders who report they were uninsured on their RI state income tax return.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8195](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LOCAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT ACT {LC5427/1} (Provides a tax credit to a taxpayer that makes a qualified investment in a qualified business.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [8207](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Chippendale, Cruz, Morales

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON PREJUDICE & BIAS {LC5705/1} (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice and Bias.)

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

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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