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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [2352](#)

**BY McKenney, Britto, Gu, Urso, Vargas**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- PROTECTION OF TREES AND PLANTS GENERALLY -- RHODE ISLAND INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC4299/1} (Prohibits the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

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

### Senate Bill No. [2532](#)

**BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, Paolino, DiPalma**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5180/1} (Amends the definition of farm and agricultural land to include land on which agricultural operations are being conducted or is suitable for agriculture operations, and further expand the definition of a farmer.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

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

### Senate Bill No. [2798](#)

(Dept, of Business Regulation)

**BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Dimitri**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM {LC5443/1} (Updates the RI coordinate system to adopt the most recent system of plane coordinates established by the NGS, a federal agency which is part of NOAA and the USDC. Modifies the meter to foot conversion to adopt the international foot to provide uniformity.)

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**Senate Bill No. [2803](#)**

**BY Thompson, Famiglietti**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY {LC5757/1} (Requires that a backflow test be performed every ten (10) years, rather than the current yearly inspection.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

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

**Senate Bill No. [3079](#)**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY Britto, McKenney, Burke, Urso, Bissailon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING {LC4960/1} (Allows any member of a federally recognized Indian tribe located in Rhode Island to receive recreational freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses free of charge.)

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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 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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