
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H-8369 & H-8317 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7056](#)

BY Spears, Cotter, McGaw, Dawson, Boylan, Kazarian, Shanley, Caldwell, Read, DeSimone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3891/1} (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7243](#)

BY Cotter, Santucci, Chippendale, Stewart, Spears, Casimiro, Potter, Place, Tanzi, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS {LC4379/1} (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2027 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7698](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Morales, McGaw, Spears, Speakman, Boylan, Bennett, O'Brien, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION {LC4439/1} (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7705](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Kennedy, Kazarian, Tanzi ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) FOR THE NORTHEASTERN FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT {LC5124/1} (Appropriates the sum of \$40,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8144](#)

BY Cotter, Carson, Kennedy, Chippendale, McGaw, Boylan, Handy, Hopkins, Speakman, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC5568/1} (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program relating to green bonds requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling \$60,000,000 for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8145](#)

BY Stewart, Alzate, Diaz, Giraldo, Dawson, Kislak, Cruz, Carson, Morales, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS {LC5430/1} (Establishes a restricted receipt account for the benefit of the Rhode Island public transit authority funded by sales taxes collected from ride-share companies; and provided further, the account would be exempt from indirect cost recovery provisions.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8151](#)

BY Spears, McEntee, Cortvriend, Boylan, Casimiro, McGaw, Azzinaro, Potter, Kennedy, Dawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLUE WAVE BOND FOR COASTAL PREPAREDNESS -- 2026 BOND REFERENDUM {LC5824/1} (Proposes a bond measure authorizing the State of Rhode Island to issue up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to fund coastal preparedness and resilience projects.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8169](#)

BY Cortvriend, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM ACT {LC5575/1} (Establishes the Residential and Commercial Property Acquisition Program Act to implement residential or commercial property acquisitions, paired with funding for relocation costs within or proximate to the current community.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8178](#)

BY Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Casey, Cruz, Solomon, Alzate, Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT OF 2011 {LC5429/1} (Effective July 1, 2026, annually allocates twenty percent (20%) of available proceeds in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account to RIPTA for operating expenses.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8179](#)

BY Cortvriend, Boylan, Kislak, Handy, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE {LC3486/1} (Requires oil spill responsible fee from 5 cents to 10 cents. Funds to support climate change initiatives.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8181](#)

BY Edwards, Voas, Casey, Place, Potter, Cotter, Kennedy, Cortvriend, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- EXEMPTIONS FROM TOLLING FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT VEHICLES {LC5684/1} (Exempts trucks engaged in waste management collection at the central landfill from tolls operated by the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge authority.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8197](#)

BY Handy, Chippendale, Alzate, Boylan, McGaw, Cortvriend, McNamara, Cotter, Tanzi, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4910/1} (Exempts new or used bicycles and bicycle parts from sales and use taxes.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8202](#)

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Hull, Handy, Ajello

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM {LC5431/1} (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8206](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Kennedy, McGaw, Spears, Casimiro, Cruz

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) FOR NEW FORESTRY HOSES {LC5786/1} (Appropriates the sum of \$50,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM).)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8298](#)

BY Tanzi, Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Knight, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC6099/1} (2026 Bond Referenda for Capital Development.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8299](#)

BY Cortvriend

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000) TO SUPPORT GREEN ECONOMY AND CLEAN ENERGY BOND INITIATIVES {LC6052/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to support the green economy and clean energy bond initiatives.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8301](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC6063/1} (Provides that the department of environmental management would maintain and repair state owned or operated boat ramps and docks.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8315](#)

BY Stewart, Alzate, Kislak, Giraldo, Tanzi, DeSimone, Potter, J. Lombardi, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX {LC6120/1} (Sets the allocation to RIPTA at the greater of \$0.1175 per gallon or 29.375% of total proceeds, with \$0.005 per gallon derived from the \$0.01 per gallon environmental protection fee.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8316](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kazarian, Paplauskas, Stewart, Edwards, Caldwell, Read

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE MAIN STREET RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM {LC6064/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Main Street Rhode Island Program.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8369](#)

BY Furtado, Messier, Donovan, Alzate, Tanzi, Cruz, Stewart, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES {LC6217/1} (Increases and reallocates the fees collected for motor vehicle inspections, including motorcycle inspections, with an allocation of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA).)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8317](#)

BY Alzate

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC6141/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to continue services, fills the budget deficit and restore service cuts, and implements the State's Act on Climate.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/11/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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