
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

**H-8016 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION
PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR H-8000, 8001, 8003, 8005, 8006, 8348 AND S-3155**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7371](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Donovan, Fogarty, Ackerman, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC4489/1} (Sets the zoning statewide for “family child care homes” to no fewer than twelve (12) children maximum.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7562](#)

BY Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC5009/1} (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardously accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8000](#)

BY Shekarchi, Speakman, Spears, Voas, DeSimone, Biah, Noret, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS {LC5661/1} (Provides certain procedures that must be followed before an encampment can be removed or relocated.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8001](#)

BY Shekarchi, Voas, DeSimone, Biah, Noret, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT {LC5591/1} (Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAFE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8003](#)

BY Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5726/1} (Amends various provisions relative to adaptive reuse projects on state-owned property and certain conditions applied thereto.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8005](#)

BY Giraldo, Voas, Cruz, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5899/1} (Amends the standards and limitations on permitted parking requirements for dwelling units.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8006](#)

BY Slater, Baginski, Casey, Speakman, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC5578/1} (Provides cities and towns with the authority to tax properties considered qualifying affordable housing at a rate higher than otherwise permitted.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8007](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, McEntee, Read, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

{LC5909/1} (Provides that minor subdivisions include single family infill subdivisions and establishes procedures for single family infill subdivisions within the subdivision of land chapter of the general laws.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8295](#)

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER {LC6106/1} (Creates an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8348](#)

BY Marszalkowski, Ackerman, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC6129/1} (Exempts from taxation the property of the non-profit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2148 SUB A](#)

BY Gu, Felag, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4027/A/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

03/24/2026 Proposed Substitute

03/24/2026 Proposed Substitute

03/26/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

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03/27/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/31/2026 Senate passed Sub A
04/01/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2577](#)

(by request)

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC4951/1} (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
03/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommends passage
03/26/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/31/2026 Senate read and passed
04/01/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3155](#)

BY Thompson, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC6234/1} (Exempts from taxation the property of the non-profit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/31/2026 Committee recommends passage
04/02/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
04/07/2026 Senate read and passed
04/08/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [8000 SUB A](#)

{LC5661/A/1}

House Bill No. [8001 SUB A](#)

{LC5591/A/1}

House Bill No. [8003 SUB A](#)
{LC5726/A/1}

House Bill No. [8005 SUB A](#)
{LC5899/A/1}

House Bill No. [8006 SUB A](#)
{LC5578/A/1}

House Bill No. [8348 SUB A](#)
{LC6129/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [3155 SUB A](#)
{LC6234/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7123](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4121/1} (Requires the Rhode Island housing authority to verify and document the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Tiverton two (2) times per year.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7124](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4123/1} (Allows the town of Tiverton, with an aggregate of 500 or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7125](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4124/1} (Authorized the town of Tiverton to require that fifty percent (50%) of new construction be affordable housing units if there is less than ten percent (10%) of affordable housing in the town.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7292](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT--COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS PROHIBITED IN WATERSHED OVERLAY PROTECTION {LC4130/1} (Prohibits applications for a comprehensive permit under the Rhode Island comprehensive planning and land use regulation act in any watershed overlay protection district located in the town of Tiverton.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7293](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC4131/1} (Allows the town of Tiverton to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7294](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- TIVERTON {LC4120/1} (Prohibits applications filed in the town of Tiverton, for comprehensive permit projects, for low- and moderate-income housing, to include accessory dwelling units.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7295](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4161/1} (Permits the town of Tiverton to require additional testing, to be performed by and at the expense of the developer, to ensure that there is no dewatering or loss of effective recharge to surrounding wells within close proximity of the new construction.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7296](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES {LC4128/1} (Permits Tiverton to require two parking space for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing units upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability near these units.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7297](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TIVERTON'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT {LC4126/1} (Sets timelines for Tiverton's new construction, including one year for final approval, two (2) years for building permits, and temporary inclusion of units in the town's count until completion or three (3) years, whichever comes first.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7372](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC4117/1} (Allows the town of Tiverton to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7492](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECTS IN TIVERTON {LC4119/1} (Provides that comprehensive permit projects in Tiverton, involving property not connected to either public water or sewer or both, and for which the property is considered hydric said land be excluded from the building land calculation.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8033](#)

BY Fellela, Fascia, Hull, Messier, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES {LC5485/1} (Permits Johnston to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8034](#)

BY Fellela, Fascia, Serpa, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5484/1} (Authorizes the town of Johnston, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8041](#)

BY Fellela, Fascia, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5486/1} (Allows the town of Johnston to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8249](#)

(Town of Portsmouth)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5086/1} (Amends the low and moderate income housing act.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8279](#)

BY Costantino, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5950/1} (Authorizes the town of Smithfield, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8280](#)

BY Costantino, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES {LC5949/1} (Permits Smithfield to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8281](#)

BY Costantino, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5948/1} (Allows the town of Smithfield to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8387](#)

BY Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Kislak, Tanzi, Furtado, Sanchez, Morales, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

{LC6185/1} (Requires all municipal zoning ordinances be amended to provide that any lot with access to public water/sewer services, not establish or enforce a minimum lot area that exceeds 5,000 sq.ft. for a residential building with between one and 4 dwelling units.)

04/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8416](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

{LC6283/1} (Requires that in the town of Coventry, local regulations shall require approval of the permitting authority for both private and public improvements prior to final plan approval.)

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8016](#)

BY Fellela, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC5483/1} (Allows the town of Johnston to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/12/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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