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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

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## S-2359 HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS AGENDA

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [2218](#)**

**BY Kallman, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Vargas, Gu, Mack, Britto**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING**

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ACT OF 2026 {LC4070/1}** (Directs the office of energy resources to develop building performance standards for large buildings in Rhode Island that would cause greenhouse gas emissions to decline in line with the act on climate requirements.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

**Senate Bill No. [2437](#)**

**BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Bell, Mack**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL**

**{LC4753/1}** (Authorizes the department of environmental management to issue and enforce rules and regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of the food waste ban.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

**Senate Bill No. [2438](#)**

**BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Mack, Vargas**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND**

**REFUSE DISPOSAL {LC4754/1}** (Amends the certain provisions relative to school waste recycling and refuse disposal and requires reports of waste audits by educational entities and reports of program participation by vendors.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

**Senate Bill No. [2529](#)**

**BY Urso, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Vargas, Kallman, Acosta, Ujifusa, Bell**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEXT GENERATION**

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACT {LC5069/1}** (Prohibits the use of heating systems utilizing fossil fuels as well as air or water heating systems in any state or municipal building open to the public constructed, altered or renovated on or after January 1, 2028.)

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

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

**Senate Resolution No. [2535](#)**

**BY DiMario, Britto, Euer, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, DiPalma, Vargas, Gu, Bissaillon ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE CREATION AND ADOPTION OF A SEASONAL HEAT PUMP RATE AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE {LC4472/1}

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

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

**Senate Resolution No. [2657](#)**

**BY de la Cruz, Tikoian, Raptakis, Rogers**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO STUDY AND REGULATE THE IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC WATERWAYS {LC5412/1} (Urges DEM to study and regulate the impact of wake boats on Rhode Island public waterways.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

**Senate Bill No. [2658](#)**

**BY de la Cruz, DiMario, Ciccone, Tikoian, Felag, Burke, Euer**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICE {LC5349/1} (Creates a new category of residential solar energy generation for small portable solar generation devices.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

**Senate Bill No. [2801](#)**

**BY Valverde, Mack, Kallman, DiMario, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Ujifusa, Ciccone, Vargas**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR COST REDUCTION ACT {LC5161/1} (Amend the state's online E-Permitting Portal using automated plan review and instant permit issuance.)

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

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

**Senate Bill No. [2359](#)**

**BY Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, DiPalma, Lauria, Quezada, McKenney, Britto, Gu, Rogers**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING -- PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES {LC3849/1} (Excludes portable solar generation devices intended primarily to offset part of a customer's electricity consumption from the definition of eligible net-metering system.)

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

04/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 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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