
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7059](#)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF HEALTHY AGING FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR BETTER LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM {LC3479/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Office Of Healthy Aging for the RI Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7310](#)

BY Stewart, Cruz, Casimiro, Kazarian, Place, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Voas, Tanzi, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC4286/1} (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7323](#)

BY Alzate, Fogarty, Donovan, Spears, Carson, J. Lombardi, Diaz, Cotter, Cruz, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4206/1} (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2027, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7400](#)

BY Spears, Carson, Messier, Speakman, Shanley, McEntee, Baginski, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$118,422 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE RIPIN DUAL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM {LC4466/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$118,422 to the Rhode Island Parent Information Network to support Rhode Island's Medicare-Medicaid Dual Ombudsman Program.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7463](#)

BY Shanley, Spears, Batista, Fogarty, Ajello, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL

ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC4449/1}

(Authorizes the secretary of the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to increase resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term care needs who reside at home to \$12,000 for single persons and \$18,000 for couples.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7687](#)

BY Bennett, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Edwards, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Slater, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

{LC5030/1} (Exempts individual retirement accounts as a countable resource for public assistance.

This act also prohibits the state as a creditor against an ABLE account in the event of death of a beneficiary.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7692](#)

BY Stewart, Potter, Giraldo, Tanzi, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Morales, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC4550/1} (Sets controls on Medicaid prescription drug

costs by imposing transparency and accountability requirements on managed care organizations (MCOs) and their pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7693](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Spears, Boylan, Donovan, Carson, Cotter, Shanley, McGaw, Bennett

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

CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC5128/1} (Requires the EOHHS to

amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7825](#)

BY Stewart, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Tanzi, Handy, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC5093/1} (Requires the secretary of the executive office

of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8172](#)

BY Tanzi, Giraldo, Handy, Alzate, Spears, Stewart, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Edwards ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026 {LC5496/1} (Establishes the "Prescription Drug Savings and Transparency Act of 2026.")

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8174](#)

BY Stewart, Tanzi, Voas, Giraldo, Furtado, Alzate, Cruz, Casimiro, Edwards, Diaz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC5521/1} (Requires Rhode Island Medicaid to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives and to collect utilization and cost data, while allowing limits consistent with Medicaid rules.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8175](#)

BY Stewart, Tanzi, Voas, Giraldo, Furtado, Alzate, Cruz, Casimiro, Edwards, Diaz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC5545/1} (Requires Medicaid to cover services by licensed certified lactation counselors and EOHHS to oversee and implement the program and track related costs and use. It also ensures reimbursement consistent with similar providers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8182](#)

BY Alzate, Casimiro, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 {LC5376/1} (Requires Medicaid to provide coverage for fertility medication, care, and services, for at least 3 cycles of fertility treatment, and intrauterine insemination.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8183](#)

BY Shanley, Spears, Casimiro, Slater, McNamara, Bennett, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC5456/1} (Provides for an additional \$117,600 to fund the rate increase recommended by the health insurance commissioner.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8218](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC5106/1}

(Establishes the Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8314](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC6133/1}

(Raises the per diem rate by thirteen percent (13%) for Medicaid reimbursement for Tier C services provide by assisted living residence beginning January 1, 2027.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8335](#)

BY Hopkins, Cruz, J. Brien, Casimiro, Cotter, Boylan, Shanley, Phillips, Lima, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICAID AND COMMERCIAL PRIMARY CARE RATE ENHANCEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ACT {LC6082/1}

(Expands the patient-centered medical home program to all Medicaid-accepting independent primary care practices and nurse practitioners and increases reimbursement rates to match Massachusetts and Connecticut rates.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8337](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC6127/1} (Requires the executive office of health and human services to consider a new element when reviewing the appropriate Medicaid payments to be paid to nursing facilities.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8404](#)

BY Dawson, Read, Noret, Serpa, Fellela, Messier, Kazarian, Bennett, Spears, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILDREN'S MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ACT {LC6274/1}

(Establishes a fund to support children's community-based providers' infrastructure changes necessary and related to the state's Medicaid transformation initiative.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8417](#)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, J. Lombardi, Donovan ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. TO SUPPORT THE HILLSGROVE CLUBHOUSE PROGRAM {LC6299/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc. to support the Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program.)

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8475](#)

BY Bennett, Donovan, Edwards, Hopkins, Kazarian, Noret, Diaz, Shanley, McNamara, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS {LC6336/1} (Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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