
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7644](#)

BY Felix, Batista, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Ajello, Noret, Cruz, Place, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC5055/1} (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

04/16/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar

04/28/2026 House read and passed

05/01/2026 Referred to Senate Judiciary

05/01/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7648](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, O'Brien, Spears, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC5099/1} (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

04/02/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar

04/07/2026 House read and passed

04/14/2026 Referred to Senate Judiciary

05/01/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2045](#)

BY Kallman, Euer, Bissailon, Ciccone, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Mack, Quezada, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROTECT OUR COURTS ACT {LC3706/1} (Protects people attending Rhode Island court proceedings from civil arrest without a judicial warrant, ensures court access, sets enforcement rules, and provides remedies for violations.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2047](#)

BY Acosta, LaMountain, Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Ujifusa, Britto, Gu, Murray, McKenney, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3802/1} (Further delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2278](#)

BY Acosta, Quezada, Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Euer, Lauria, Gu, Valverde, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS {LC3831/1} (Prohibits state and municipal officials or body from entering into and renewing any agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2479](#)

BY Kallman, Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Euer, Felag, DiPalma, Gu, Lauria, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT -- ICE OUT ACT {LC4600/1} (Prohibits law enforcement agencies from hiring individuals who were hired as a sworn officer of the US Immigration and Customs enforcement Agency on or after January 20, 2025, and applies prospectively to an individual hired on or after October 1, 2026.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2488](#)

BY Kallman, Ciccone, Mack, Acosta, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, Felag, Lawson, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BAIL BOND AGENTS AND BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENTS {LC4343/1} (Prohibits bail bond agents and bail bond recovery agents from engaging in civil immigration enforcement, define such conduct as unprofessional, and subject violators to professional discipline under Rhode Island law.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2605](#)

BY Ciccone, Bissailon, Zurier, Murray, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DEFENSE ACT {LC4682/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Federal Constitution defense act.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2607](#)

BY Bissailon, Zurier, Kallman, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT {LC5265/1} (Established a cause of action against state government entities for violation of civil rights.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2608](#)

BY Kallman, DiPalma, McKenney, Mack, Acosta, Euer, Bissailon, Urso, Zurier, Murray, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT. {LC4842/1} (Prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing masks without an exception and criminal and civil penalties for violations.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [2707](#)

BY Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Acosta, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Felag

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMMIGRANT IMPACT TASK FORCE {LC5504/1} (Creates an 11-member task force to track and oversee immigration enforcement and support actions in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the General Assembly House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2027.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2966](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Ujifusa, Bell, Quezada, Vargas, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- PERMITTING VIRTUAL OR REMOTE COURT HEARINGS {LC4288/1} (Permits all Rhode Island courts to conduct hearings remotely and allow any party or attorney to appear by telephone or video conference, with remote appearances having the same legal effect as in-person appearances.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2967](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Euer, Kallman, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
LIMITATIONS ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION {LC5549/1} (Bars state and local police from joining federal immigration enforcement programs, limits holding people on detainer without judicial warrants, and requires tracking and reporting of requests.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3116](#)

BY Ciccone, Quezada, Acosta, Bissailon, Murray, Kallman, Mack, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RESTRICTIONS ON STATE AND MUNICIPAL COOPERATION WITH CIVIL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT {LC6097/1} (Prohibits state or local authorities from voluntary participation in federal civil immigration enforcement. It would not prohibit compliance with a judicial warrant or court order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 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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