
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H-8268, H-7708 & H-8339 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7051](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC3137/1} (Requires DCYF to establish segregated savings account for foster care child receiving SS, SSI, veterans benefits or railroad retirement benefits to manage the accounts and keep child eligible for future benefits.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7241](#)

BY Donovan, Cotter, Spears, Kislak, Giraldo, Fogarty, Casimiro, Carson, Boylan, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT {LC3491/1} (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7258](#)

BY Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Boylan, Giraldo, Fogarty, Casimiro, Caldwell, Handy, Ajello

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO BE USED FOR INCENTIVES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SOLD AT PARTICIPATING BONUS BUCKS OUTLETS IN RHODE ISLAND {LC4080/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 for incentives for the Farm Fresh Bonus Bucks Program.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7259](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Morales

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD BANK {LC4176/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to the Rhode Island Food Bank.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7319](#)

BY Diaz, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Casimiro, Cruz, Kislak, Tanzi, Giraldo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4484/1} (Eliminates the sunset on the provision of funding, modify eligibility requirement to 85% of state median income and expand funding to at least 20 hours per week.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7320](#)

BY Diaz, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Casimiro, Cruz, Kislak, Edwards, Felix, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4485/1} (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7324](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, Phillips, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Potter, Diaz ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC3714/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7393](#)

BY Diaz, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Giraldo, Kislak, Casimiro, Cruz, Edwards ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT {LC4394/1} (Expand eligibility for the childcare assistance program to meet the federal eligibility benchmark.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7394](#)

BY Place, Santucci, Fascia, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4309/1} (Provides that a family eligible for cash assistance pursuant to § 40-5.2-11, shall if qualified, be provided SNAP benefits.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7462](#)

BY Diaz, Kazarian, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Cruz, Giraldo, Slater, Tanzi, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COPAYMENTS {LC4488/1} (Codifies child care copayments in law, expand zero copays to families under 125% FPL, lower costs for working families, and cap most copayments at 6% while preserving a 7% statutory maximum.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7586](#)

BY Cotter, Read, Chippendale, Casimiro, Fogarty, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Furtado, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC4774/1} (Updates the description of the early intervention program and the agency responsible for the program under Part C of the federal Individuals with disabilities education act.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7587](#)

BY Casey, Potter, Chippendale, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Santucci, Speakman, Serpa, McGaw ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS {LC4281/1} (Prohibits the Rhode Island medical assistance program from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the coverage of a medication classified as an anticonvulsant or antipsychotic.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7689](#)

BY Handy, Stewart, Alzate, Slater, Kislak, Kazarian, Caldwell, Giraldo, Ajello, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4698/1} (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period and increases the monthly cash benefit to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level effective July 1, 2026.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/27/2026 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

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

03/04/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2026 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7690](#)

BY Handy, Stewart, Alzate, Slater, Kislak, Kazarian, Caldwell, Giraldo, Ajello, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4700/1} (Amends the Rhode Island works program to increase the cash support pass-through to \$100 for one child and \$200 for more than one child.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7706](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Hull, Sanchez, Potter, Voas, Kazarian, Casimiro, Diaz, Fellela, Fogarty ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE {LC4693/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7796](#)

BY Tanzi, Cotter, Handy, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Donovan, Spears, J. Lombardi, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO MAXIMIZE REVENUE FOR CHILD WELFARE AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES {LC5096/1} (Establishes a twenty-seven (27) member joint commission to study ways to maximize revenue for child welfare and children's behavioral health services.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7807](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Corvese, Kislak, Fellela, DeSimone, Fogarty, Nardone, Furtado, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4979/1} (Exempts meals served in licensed childcare centers from taxation.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8156](#)

BY Tanzi, Casimiro, Alzate, Boylan, Furtado, Cortvriend, Donovan, Stewart, Kislak, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC5784/1} (Creates the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivor Services Fund in Rhode Island to provide state funding for nonprofit organizations that deliver direct services to survivors of domestic violence.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8171](#)

BY Caldwell, Slater, Kislak, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD-AS-MEDICINE PILOT PROGRAM {LC5424/1} (Establishes a food as medicine pilot program and task force to be administered by the executive office of health and human services.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8176](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Furtado, Alzate, Messier, Cruz, Stewart, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC5320/1} (Adds a new category to the eligibility of childcare assistance to include a "protective services category" which would include foster or kinship children served through DCYF.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8177](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Solomon, Casimiro, Fellela, Messier, Dawson, Ajello, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 988 CALL CENTER FUNDING AND OPERATIONS ACT {LC5379/1} (Establishes a fund and the operations necessary for a hotline for suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis management. Also institutes a monthly surcharge on telephone lines to fund the 988 call center.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8180](#)

BY Casimiro, Tanzi, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Stewart, McGaw, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILDREN'S MOBILE RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES {LC5248/1} (Establishes a statewide mobile response and stabilization services program to provide rapid crisis response and short-term stabilization for children and youth in their natural environments.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8205](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS {LC5307/1} (Amends the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8255](#)

BY Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FREE CLINIC {LC5997/1} (Appropriates the sum of \$200,000 to the Rhode Island Free Clinic.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8339](#)

BY Shanley, Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, McNamara, Read, Tanzi, Hopkins

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK {LC6168/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to RIPIN.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8268](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Giraldo, Fellela, Tanzi, Fogarty, Bennett, Ajello, Boylan, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT {LC6051/1} (Includes both the MomsPRN and PediPRN teleconsultation lines in the healthcare services funding contributions payable by health insurers.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/11/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7708](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,700,000 TO BE USED FOR MATERNAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND EQUITY {LC4873/1} (Appropriates the sum of \$2,700,000 to the department of health for maternal health improvement and equity.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/11/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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