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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7631](#)

**BY Alzate, Morales, Furtado, McGaw, Shanley, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MEDICARE ENROLLMENT {LC4349/1} (Requires the EOHHS to disregard an individual's assets or resources, when determining an individual's eligibility for any Medicare beneficiary program, contingent on federal approval.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

03/02/2026 Meeting postponed

03/02/2026 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [8270](#)

**BY Felix, Cruz, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, Sanchez, Kislak, Potter, Furtado**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5888/1} (Revises the calculation for the student success factor in the education-aid formula by adding an additional multiplier for twenty-five percent (25%) for each resident child who is identified as a multilingual learner.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [8407](#)

**BY McEntee, Fogarty, O'Brien, Caldwell, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS {LC6278/1} (Limits retired, part-time or adjunct instructors, hired by any state college, university, or state school, to teaching no more than two classes per semester.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8488](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN {LC6355/1} (Authorizes the Town of Portsmouth to issue bonds and notes in amount not exceeding \$41,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town.)

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8527](#)**

**BY Cotter, Kennedy, Spears**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, CONSISTING OF ONE OR MORE BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE CAMPUS, AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING, AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO, BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$116,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION {LC6409/1} (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of an elementary school and to issue not more than \$116,000,000 bonds and/or notes.)

05/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8506](#)**

**BY Giraldo, Alzate, Voas**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELATING TO CENTRAL FALLS PENSION PLAN {LC6396/1} (Amends the terms of the pension plan set forth in the respective collective bargaining agreements in effect on July 1, 2026, between Central Falls and the labor organizations representing members of the Central Falls plan.)

05/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8511](#)**

**BY Morales, DeSimone, Biah, Ajello, J. Lombardi, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Slater ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC6399/1} (Amends the school funding formula to ensure that local education authorities do not lose funding due to disruptions in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.)

05/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8512](#)**

**BY Cotter, J. Brien, Corvese**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC6367/1} (Exempts from sales tax the amount paid for food and beverages during summer restaurant week and winter restaurant week.)

05/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8530](#)**

**BY Edwards, Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC6418/1} (Exempts from sales tax the amount paid for a parking space at municipally operated beach parking in the town of Tiverton.)

05/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8533](#)**

**BY Morales**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$320,000 FOR BETTER LIVES RHODE ISLAND {LC6444/1} (Appropriates \$320,000 to Better Lives Rhode Island in support of the transitional housing program for women leaving incarceration.)

05/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8534](#)**

**BY Morales**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$850,000 FOR NEW BRIDGES FOR HAITIAN SUCCESS {LC6443/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of \$850,000 for New Bridges for Haitian Success for the purpose of residential property acquisition for transitional housing to support immigrants with TPS and asylum status, for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2027.)

05/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8547](#)**

**BY McEntee, Caldwell, Craven**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT {LC6413/1} (Establishes a separate domestic violence calendar within the superior court to handle felony domestic violence cases.)

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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