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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7183](#)**

**BY Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Handy, Bennett, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING BENCHMARKING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2026 {LC4069/1}** (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [8415](#)**

**BY Bennett, Hopkins, Edwards, McEntee, Speakman, Handy, Carson, Kislak, Santucci, Boylan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT {LC6277/1}** (Prohibits the use of black plastic takeout containers for use to take prepared foods and drinks from restaurants, stores, and other retail sales establishments.)

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

**House Bill No. [8451](#)**

**BY Spears**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING {LC6339/1}** (Creates mechanism for New Shoreham to seek a time limited exemption from certain statewide deer hunting prohibitions.)

04/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

**House Bill No. [8522](#)**

**BY Cotter**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FISHING LAWS {LC6431/1}** (Provides reciprocal enforcement of boating and fish and game laws with the state of Connecticut on any part of waters lying between Connecticut and Rhode Island.)

05/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

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