
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Jane E. Weidman to the Scenic Roadway Board for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Appointment of David L. Ghigliotty (Representative of Commercial Fishing) to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2031.

Appointment of Scott Rabideau to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

Appointment of W. Michael Sullivan, Ph.D. to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

Appointment of Richard Bernardo to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

Appointment of Stephen A. Izzi to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

Appointment of Carder Starr to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

Appointment of Raymond C. Coia to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring May 31, 2029.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2795](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Urso, Gu, Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC5580/1} (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities that choose to participate. Reports to be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and submitted to the department of environmental management.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/29/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2530](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Tikoian, Ciccone, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIODIESEL PRODUCTS {LC4868/1} (Establishes minimum percentages of bio-based product contained in heating oil sold in the state and sets dates for compliance to set standards.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [2655](#)

BY Britto, McKenney, Gu, DiMario, Bissaillon, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SITING AND REGULATORY ACT {LC4853/1} (Requires applications for energy facilities to take into consideration the 2021 Act on Climate and how the facility may advance or delay the greenhouse gas emissions reductions.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [3080](#)

BY Britto, McKenney, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK AND JOB ACT {LC5832/1} (Facilitates the study of thermal energy technology to determine if these goals can be met by the implementation of thermal energy networks in Rhode Island.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Bill No. [3180](#)

BY Thompson, Britto, Murray, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC6245/1} (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

Senate Resolution No. [2354](#)

BY DiMario, Britto, Zurier, Euer, Vargas, Lauria, Ujifusa, Mack, Bell, Valverde ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO TERMINATE GAS LINE EXTENSION ALLOWANCES AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE {LC4481/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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