
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-2814 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Reappointment of Vahid Ownjazayeri to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Reappointment of Joshua Celeste to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2028.

Reappointment of Robert Donovan to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2028.

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [3015](#)

BY Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Burke, LaMountain, Raptakis, Pearson, Urso, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC5921/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island education funding and accountability act, which would include a totally revised and revamped formula for funding all levels of public education in Rhode Island.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2024](#)

BY Ujifusa, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Acosta, Bell, Gu, Zurier, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2026 {LC3519/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act of 2026.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2244](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Gu, Felag, DiMario, Zurier, Murray, DiPalma, Rogers ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4081/1} (Exempts from the sales tax behind-the-meter batteries interconnected with a solar photovoltaic system.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2248](#)

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Zurier, Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, Gu, Ciccone, Pearson, Britto ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4224/1} (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2449](#)

BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Mack, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC4741/1} (Exempts from sales tax energy storage systems, as defined in § 39-33-1.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2550](#)

BY Vargas, Zurier, Urso, DiMario, Kallman, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY {LC4478/1} (Requires as part of the director of administration's report to the general assembly to include information on the number of hybrid, combustion engine, plug-in hybrid, and ZEV vehicles in the light duty fleet. This act would take effect upon passage.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2680](#)

BY Bell, Mack, Kallman, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC5404/1} (Prohibits RIPTA from using state funds or the proceeds of any bond(s) to pay for any work performed after 8/1/26, pursuant to the "transit center joint development project" RFP and/or pursuant to related the preliminary services agreement.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/02/2026 Meeting postponed

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

Senate Bill No. [2023](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Raptakis, Patalano, Thompson, Paolino, Quezada, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL {LC3321/1} (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2103](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET {LC4059/1}

(Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly with the zero-based budget phased in over a five (5) year period, commencing with the fiscal budget year of July 1, 2027.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2235](#)

BY Paolino, Thompson, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Pearson, Murray, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AUDITOR GENERAL

{LC3311/1} (Requires the auditor general to conduct performance audits of all state agencies.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2357](#)

BY Felag, Burke, McKenney, Murray, Lauria, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

{LC4565/1} (Provides that funds or monies collected by designated quasi-public corporations or agencies not be subject to transfer or reallocation by order of the governor or general assembly.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2448](#)

BY Ujifusa, Bell, Valverde, Euer, Murray, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- GOVERNMENT

PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC3249/1} (Establishes a

performance audit division within the office of the auditor general.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2814](#)

BY Gu, DiPalma, Tikoian, Kallman, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM

AND DEVELOPMENT {LC5401/1} (Removes the requirement that 5% of the hotel tax generated

from regional tourism districts be paid to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau, and adds that 5% of the hotel tax to the existing tax paid to the RI commerce corporation.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/18/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 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

Written testimony sent to the Senate and House is posted to this website. Do not submit any information that you do not want available to the public. Once written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website, submitted documents may be viewable via internet search engines.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34. Senate committee hearings may also air on Channel 75 for Cox Subscribers. Livestreaming is available at <https://capitolvri.cablecast.tv>

Jamie Plume
Committee Clerk
401-222-2381
SenateFinance@rilegislature.gov

POSTED: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026, 4:33 PM

LAST REVISED: MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, 9:25 AM