
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [8300](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR {LC5904/1} (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for 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

05/19/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for 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

05/19/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [8152](#)

BY Corvese, Serpa, Casimiro, Hull, McEntee, Fellela, Costantino, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT {LC5133/1} (Establishes sales and use tax exemptions for commercial forest product operations and creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles".)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8532](#)

BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT {LC6450/1} (Requires 10% of all rental fees collected by the water resources board pursuant to a lease with the Coventry Pines Golf Club be paid to the town of Coventry and 10% to the Central Coventry Fire District.)

05/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/14/2026 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [8581](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC6490/1} (Removes the fiscal year 2026 fourteen percent (14%) limitation for reduction to the local per-pupil funding for charter schools.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing

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