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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### **House Resolution No. [5015](#)**

**BY Slater**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 TO URBAN VENTURES {LC228/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to Urban Ventures for operations and to implement activities assisting small businesses within the state of Rhode Island.)

01/13/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### **House Bill No. [5053](#)**

**BY Solomon, Donovan, Cortvriend, Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC482/1} (Provides that DOT, in conjunction with the RI turnpike and bridge authority, erect a safety barrier or safety netting on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, Verrazzano Bridge. Safety barrier or netting to be erected on or before 1/1/2023.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

01/25/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### **House Bill No. [5110](#)**

**BY McNamara, Noret, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE

TAXES--ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION {LC156/1} (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit would not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person would remain responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea mkt.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### **House Bill No. [5111](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- CIVIL AIR PATROL ACT {LC698/1} (Authorizes state aide to RICAP for training/equipment for use during times of natural disaster/emergency as needed by state EMA/governor.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5118](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Lima**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES {LC123/1} (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5119](#)**

**BY Casimiro**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC131/1}

(Addresses general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter and sets aside such payments to establish newly created municipal police departments.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5121](#)**

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC98/1} (Provides a tax credit for state community service hours provided by state residents to certain not-for-profit entities and municipal departments.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5207](#)**

**BY McNamara, Solomon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS {LC157/1} (Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5225](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS {LC720/1} (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5226](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC722/1} (Increases the maximum small state purchase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other small purchases.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5228](#)**

**BY Williams, Ajello, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Noret, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC110/1} (Raises the juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court from \$15.00 per day to \$25.00 per day commencing July 1, 2022, and increase to \$35.00 per day commencing July 1, 2023, and thereafter.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5318](#)**

**BY Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC1097/1} (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5365](#)**

**BY Filippi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM {LC980/1} (Creates a hiring freeze for all state positions within a classification, for which a competitive test is required, if no test is given within twelve (12) months of the vacancy.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5447](#)**

**BY Tobon, Casey, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY {LC1248/1} (Creates an instant ticket scratch off game pilot program to raise funds for Rhode Island veterans and dependents of qualified service members.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5455](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM {LC708/1}

(Removes the prohibition on state appropriations to the municipal infrastructure grant program, and authorize the state planning council to evaluate, approve and issue such grants, subject to the appropriations provided to the program.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5532](#)**

**BY Craven**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS {LC1647/1} (Provides that ten (10%) percent of fines imposed for misdemeanor offenses resulting in a filing shall be provided to Justice Assistance to support the case management of persons receiving a filing with any sanctions.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5534](#)**

**BY Diaz, Slater, Williams, Batista, Perez**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY {LC1431/1} (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$140,000,000 bonds to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city of Providence.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5535](#)**

**BY Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Amore, Craven**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES {LC1353/1} (Creates a fund to be managed by the joint committee on legislative services, to make Rhode Island mementos available to visiting dignitaries and for gifts to hosting out-of-state officials, to be given by legislators' during official visits.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised live on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

**Both verbal and written testimony are welcome.**

**VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Individuals interested in providing verbal testimony, send your name, phone number, bill number and position on legislation to: [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony should be submitted to: [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

DEADLINE: In order for materials to be distributed to members and posted to the General Assembly website prior to the hearing, written testimony must be submitted no later than two (2) hours prior to the posted meeting time. All testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website -- within 24 hours. For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,**  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HFIN.aspx> .

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