
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**PROPOSED FOR H-5966, H-6144, H-5131, H-5923, H-5967, H-6432, S-155, & S-470 HAVE BEEN ADDED
PROPOSED SUB B's FOR S-206 AND S-634 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 28, 2021
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5131](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS {LC84/1} (Prohibits a food service establishment from providing a consumer with a single-use plastic straw, unless the consumer requests such a straw.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5923](#)

BY Caldwell, Serpa, Carson, Handy, Morales, Craven, Bennett, Potter, Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- HIGH-HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT OF 2021 {LC1563/1} (Prohibits new high-heat waste processing facilities.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/08/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5967](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Noret, Solomon, Donovan, Fogarty, Blazejewski, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND {LC2216/1} (Establishes the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [35 SUB A as amended](#)

BY Pearson, Euer, Coyne, Anderson, Valverde, Archambault, Kallman, Bell, DiMario, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND {LC414/A/1}

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/31/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/18/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/22/2021 Proposed Substitute
06/22/2021 Proposed Substitute
06/23/2021 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
06/23/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar
06/24/2021 Senate passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)
06/25/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [155](#)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Miller, Euer, Kallman, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS {LC1244/1} (Prohibits a food service establishment from providing a consumer with a single-use plastic straw, unless the consumer requests such a straw.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/24/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/23/2021 Scheduled for consideration
04/28/2021 Committee recommends passage
04/28/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar
05/04/2021 Senate read and passed
05/05/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [470](#)

BY Ciccone, Valverde, Lombardo, Euer, Calkin, Kallman, Acosta, DiMario, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY {LC2318/1}

(Creates a forest conservation commission, to be coordinated with the department of environmental management, to seek new funding and identify incentives for landowners to maintain their land as forest.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
03/11/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/17/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/28/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/02/2021 Committee recommends passage

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06/03/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar
06/08/2021 Senate read and passed
06/10/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [473](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Valverde, DiPalma, Seveney, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, Coyne ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC2166/1} (Allows the twenty-one coastal communities to adopt the CRMC's coastal hazard application process applicable to local overlay districts for applicants seeking local building permits.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
04/23/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/28/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/28/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/02/2021 Committee recommends passage
06/03/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar
06/08/2021 Senate read and passed
06/10/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5966](#)

BY Handy, Bennett, Cortvriend, Carson, Felix, Ruggiero ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS- MINIMUM ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS {LC1806/1} (Establishes efficiency standards for selected residential and commercial products.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/18/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6144 SUB A](#)

BY Ruggiero, McEntee, Carson, Craven, Cortvriend, Bennett, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC2426/A/2}

03/17/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/26/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
06/19/2021 Proposed Substitute
06/19/2021 Proposed Substitute
06/22/2021 Committee recommended indefinite postponement

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06/22/2021 Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study

06/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [634 SUB A](#)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1726/A/1}

03/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/08/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

05/26/2021 Proposed Substitute

05/26/2021 Proposed Substitute

05/27/2021 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/28/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar

06/01/2021 Senate passed Sub A

06/02/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

06/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6432](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, McGaw, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES {LC3019/1} (Permits the dockside sale of allowable live lobsters, crabs and live whelk upon issuance of a direct sale dealer license by the department of environmental management to a commercial fishing license holder.)

06/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

06/25/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [206 SUB A](#)

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Felag, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES {LC1098/A/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

05/26/2021 Proposed Substitute

05/26/2021 Proposed Substitute

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05/27/2021 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/28/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar

06/01/2021 Senate passed Sub A

06/02/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

06/25/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5131 SUB A](#)

{LC84/A/1}

House Bill No. [5923 SUB A](#)

{LC1563/A/4}

House Bill No. [5967 SUB A](#)

{LC2216/A/2}

Senate Bill No. [155 SUB A](#)

{LC1244/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [470 SUB A](#)

{LC2318/A/1}

House Bill No. [6432 SUB A](#)

{LC3019/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [206 SUB B](#)

{LC1098/B/1}

House Bill No. [5966 SUB A](#)

{LC1806/A/1}

House Bill No. [6144 SUB A](#)

{LC2426/A/4}

Senate Bill No. [634 SUB B](#)

{LC1726/B/1}

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised 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> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseEnvironmentandNaturalResources@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

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/HENV.aspx> .**

VERBAL TESTIMONY

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

***DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 27, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021, 5:34 PM