
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5703](#)
BY Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Caldwell, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS {LC1706/1} (Increases the maximum amount of the Kingston water district bonding authority from four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration



SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5310](#)
BY Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Cotter, Spears, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Donovan, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT {LC604/1} (Restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.)
02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5691](#)
BY Shanley, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC1306/1} (Requires developer who proposes to develop a project shall submit a comprehensive assessment of the project to each municipality where the project shall be physically located.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5692](#)
BY Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC1733/1} (Allows the operation of a home-based business, which meets criteria for home office IRS income tax deduction, without securing approval from the municipality with no storage of chemicals/park heavy equipment/not more than 10% of premises used for parking.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5704](#)
BY Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Speakman, Bennett, Spears, Cotter, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC1315/1} (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities. That choose to participate. Reports would be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and would be submitted to the department of environmental management.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5796](#)

BY Knight, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES {LC2156/1} (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5797](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Phillips, DeSimone, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Spears, O'Brien, Morales, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES {LC2157/1} (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5798](#)

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES {LC2158/1} (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5799](#)

BY Cruz, Shekarchi, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Cotter, Solomon, Slater, Casimiro, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF
LAND {LC2159/1} (Provides that minor subdivisions would include oversized lot subdivisions under certain circumstances and relative to zoning ordinances, permit a modification to allow "neighborhood character-based modifications" under certain circumstances.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5800](#)

BY Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES {LC2160/1} (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5948](#)

(Dept. of Housing)

BY Speakman, Knight, Alzate, Morales, Casey, Giraldo, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND
MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC1356/1} (Ensures that the Rhode Island department of housing is able to access the full calendar year worth of housing choice voucher data for the annual report by moving the report submission deadline back to align with availability of federal data.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5949](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCE {LC2052/1} (Provides among the purposes of zoning ordinances, the duty to affirmatively further fair housing.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5952](#)

(by request)

BY Kazarian, Furtado, Dawson, DeSimone, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION {LC2115/1} (Provides for a home ownership assistance account administered by Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation to expand home ownership.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5959](#)

BY Lima, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR REMOTE PROCEDURES {LC2114/1} (Required public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5960](#)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS {LC925/1} (Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to walking, biking, and hiking trails and access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5968](#)

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT {LC1886/1} (Prohibits any city, town, quasi-municipal corporation or public corporation from assessing any existing agricultural operation or agricultural land any water impact fee, excepting base useable charges.)

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