
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7369](#)

(Auditor General)

BY Felix, Santucci, Tanzi, McNamara, Place, Casey, Chippendale, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS {LC4186/1} (Amends the audit compliance requirements for municipalities' contributions to pension plans under the budget of accounts and installation of systems chapter.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/03/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7218](#)

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Blazejewski, Diaz, Slater, Sanchez, Biah, DeSimone, Morales, J. Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT {LC4257/1} (Creates the Crook Point Bridge Authority for the purpose of maintain the Crook Point Bascule Bridge and any property related thereto.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7219](#)

(by request)

BY Ackerman, Voas, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC3863/1} (Permits, but not directs, a municipality to allow certain requirements regarding consistent statewide treatment of accessory dwelling units.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7374](#)

BY McEntee, O'Brien, Spears, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC4432/1} (Amends the zoning ordinances to allow the town to restrict occupancy to one unrelated person per bedroom in a dwelling, up to a five (5) bedroom unit. Units with more than five (5) bedrooms may be limited to five (5) unrelated persons per unit.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7445](#)

BY Speakman, Potter, Morales, Hull, Giraldo, Ajello, Fogarty, Kislak, Corvese, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAITH-BASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACT {LC4245/1} (Allows faith-based organizations to develop affordable and mixed-use housing on land they own as a by-right use, set statewide development standards, limit local barriers, and streamline approvals to expand housing supply.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7491](#)

(Providence)

BY Kislak, J. Lombardi, Hull, Slater, DeSimone, Ajello, Sanchez, Lima, Perez, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY {LC4701/1} (Authorizes the city of Providence to issue not more than \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds and notes to fund the providence housing trust fund to finance affordable multi-family housing projects in the city.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7657](#)

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT {LC4506/1} (Distinguishes residential and commercial short-term rental properties for tax purposes.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [7779](#)

(Portsmouth)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5088/1} (Permits but not directs a municipality to establish, by ordinance, certain requirements regarding accessory dwelling units regarding ownership for 5 years, non-family ADUs to be rented at affordable rates and limit size to 1,000 sq. ft.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8013](#)

BY Speakman, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES {LC4800/1} (Gives mobile home residents a right of first refusal to buy or lease their park, requiring owners to notify the residents' association and the Department of Business Regulation of bona fide offers and allow time to match the terms.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8015](#)

BY Speakman, Giraldo, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 -- COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND REHABILITATION ACT OF 2004 {LC5769/1} (Affordable housing includes an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) where it's a long-term rental unit in a municipality with no ordinance requiring a minimum lot size for ADUs.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8029](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY {LC5865/1} (Adds the town of Tiverton to those towns specifically named to tax any person for either a mobile or manufactured home and automatically lien the a mobile or manufactured home.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8031](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5091/1} (Allows municipalities to request a one-time, state-approved extension to update comprehensive plans if they show active progress, while keeping the existing plan in effect during the extension period.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8036](#)

BY Speakman, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RESTORING OPTIONS IN OCCUPANCY MODELS (ROOM) ACT {LC5110/1} (Expands access to inherently affordable housing by re-legalizing co-living/single-room occupancy (SRO) and shared dwelling models of many types.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8037](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5750/1} (Reduces the newspaper advertising notice requirements for amendments to zoning ordinances and planning board meetings from three (3) weeks to two (2) weeks.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8039](#)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5671/1} (Clarifies the means by which attached single-family dwelling units may be created, recorded, and regulated as subdivisions of an existing lot under current zoning ordinance law.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8142](#)

BY Speakman, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESIDENTIAL REUSE INCENTIVE ACT {LC5308/1} (Creates a state program and fund to finance adaptive reuse and mixed-use housing projects, requires affordable units and labor standards, and provides oversight to expand housing until 2035.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8220](#)

BY Read, Noret, Furtado, Shekarchi, Casimiro, Bennett, Potter, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HOMELESSNESS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM {LC5963/1} (Creates a state-run pilot program in Rhode Island that provides paid, low-barrier employment to individuals experiencing homelessness for community beautification and cleanup projects while connecting participants to supportive services.)

03/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8278](#)

BY Costantino, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY {LC5947/1} (Adds the town of Smithfield to those towns specifically named to tax any person for either a mobile or manufactured home and automatically lien the a mobile or manufactured home.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8294](#)

BY Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Spears, McGaw, Knight, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC5964/1}

(Amends chapter 44 of title 34 to establish energy storage systems on certain lands consistent with a municipality's comprehensive plan.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8332](#)

BY Messier, Alzate, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

{LC6167/1} (Requires that the tax imposed upon the conveyance of any real property that is located in more than one municipality to be allocated between or among the municipalities in proportions to the assessed value of the property located in each municipality.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Bill No. [8348](#)

BY Marszalkowski, Ackerman, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

{LC6129/1} (Exempts from taxation the property of the non-profit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

House Resolution No. [8349](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDING RHODE ISLAND

GENERAL LAW § 44-3-3 {LC4453/1} (Creates a 7-member commission to study and provide

recommendations for amending RI General Law §44-3-3, and who would report back to the General Assembly by January 5, 2027, and would expire on March 5, 2027.)

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