
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

**S-3319 AND IT'S PROPOSED SUB A WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-2475, S-2632, S-2912, S-3159 & S-3319
S-2575, S-2273 & H-7371 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2475](#)

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY {LC4227/1} (Provides that the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring an easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property and their costs shall be determined by and commensurate with the municipal appraisal of each property.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/16/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2632](#)

BY Ciccone, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC4996/1} (Amends the state building code and would require that the state adopt the 2024 International Residential Code and prohibit the state building committee from adopting amendments for one to four residential dwelling units until 2030.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2912](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC5851/1} (Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/09/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3159](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RESIDENTIAL REUSE INCENTIVE ACT {LC6053/1} (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.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/16/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2273](#)

~~**BY DiMario, Bissaillon, Vargas, Rogers, Quezada, Burke, Acosta, Kallman, Valverde, Gu**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
{LC3638/1} (Sets the zoning statewide for “family child care homes” to no fewer than twelve (12)
children maximum.)~~

~~01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [2575](#)

BY Bissaillon, Murray, Burke, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
{LC4987/1} (Prohibits any city or town from enacting any zoning ordinance that would place
restrictions on residential recovery houses that are not applicable to other residential homes.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
03/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7371](#)

~~**BY Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Donovan, Fogarty, Ackerman,
McNamara**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
{LC4489/1} (Sets the zoning statewide for “family child care homes” to no fewer than twelve (12)
children maximum.)~~

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

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~~02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~
~~02/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~
~~04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~
~~04/15/2026 Committee recommends passage~~
~~04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar~~
~~04/30/2026 House read and passed~~
~~05/01/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government~~
~~05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~

House Bill No. [7608](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY {LC5020/1} (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/23/2026 Meeting postponed
02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/03/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration
04/28/2026 Committee recommends passage
05/01/2026 Placed on House Calendar
05/12/2026 House read and passed
05/15/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8295](#)

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER {LC6106/1} (Creates an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration
04/15/2026 Committee recommends passage
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar
04/28/2026 House read and passed
05/05/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8403](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC6260/1} (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the Town of Jamestown to issue up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to support affordable housing projects in Jamestown.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

04/29/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/01/2026 Scheduled for consideration

05/07/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/10/2026 Placed on House Calendar

05/14/2026 House read and passed

05/22/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8507](#)

BY McEntee, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FINANCE THE EQUIPPING, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND RENOVATION OF FIRE STATIONS IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC6402/1} (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue up to \$3,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance the equipping, expansion, improvement and renovation of fire stations.)

05/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/08/2026 Scheduled for consideration

05/12/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/15/2026 Placed on House Calendar

05/21/2026 House read and passed

05/22/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for consideration

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Senate Bill No. [3315](#)

BY Raptakis, Rogers, Burke, Appollonio, Valverde, Patalano, Thompson, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC6484/1} (Authorizes the town of Coventry to apportion the tax levy proportionately between residential and commercial properties.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3316](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT REGARDING MOTIONS AT THE TOWN OF SCITUATE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING {LC6497/1} (Amends a public law regarding the fixing of time for the election of officers at the town of Scituate's annual financial town meeting.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3319](#)

~~BY Britto, Lawson~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES --- ORDINANCES {LC6529/1}

~~(Authorizes East Providence to issue licenses to any business seeking to engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, or boardinghouse and that business first obtains approval from chief of police, building inspector and the mayor.)~~

~~05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government~~

~~05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [3320](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLANNING, EVALUATION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM SEWERS IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6506/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$4,000,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the planning, evaluation, design, construction, equipping and reconstruction of sanitary sewers and storm sewers.)

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3321](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6507/1}

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3322](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6508/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$5,000,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, repair, alteration, furnishing and equipping of public buildings.)

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3323](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF BRIDGES AND ALL COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6509/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction, reconstruction, repair and equipping of bridges.)

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3324](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6510/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, repair and equipping of streets and sidewalks.)

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3325](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF ROAD SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029 {LC6511/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$2,500,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the improvement and replacement of road safety infrastructure and traffic control devices.)

05/26/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2475 SUB A](#)

{LC4227/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2632 SUB A](#)

{LC4996/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2912 SUB A](#)

{LC5851/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [3159 SUB A](#)

{LC6053/A/1}

~~Senate Bill No. [3319 SUB A](#)~~

~~{LC6529/A/1}~~

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 28, 2026, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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