
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

H-5250 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR
H-6055 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2023

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5172](#)

BY McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, Kislak, Carson, Cotter, Stewart, Ajello, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY
FACILITY SITING ACT {LC158/1} (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in
energy plant siting proceedings.)

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [5250](#)**~~

~~**BY McEntee, Craven, Spears, Bennett, O'Brien, Dawson, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Caldwell, Handy**~~
~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHING**~~
~~**LICENSES {LC75/1} (Limits issuance of commercial multipurpose commercial fishing licenses to**~~
~~**Rhode Island residents, unless there is no resident applicant, limits number of new licenses issued to**~~
~~**that number of licenses surrendered or retired in previous calendar year.)**~~

~~01/27/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

~~02/06/2023 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~02/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~02/13/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor~~

~~03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5344](#)

BY Shanley, Craven, O'Brien, Bennett, Cotter, Spears, Casimiro, Batista, Solomon, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH
FOREST PROTECTION ACT {LC1237/1} (Prohibits forestry operations on state and any
municipality owned land relating to old growth forests enforced by DEM with violation punishable
by fines.)

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5425](#)

BY Kislak, Edwards, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Potter, Cortvriend ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT {LC1327/1} (Creates building energy performance standards based on the size of buildings, to achieve, by way of benchmarking and reporting, a statewide analysis of energy use and strategies to increase energy efficiency.)

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5548](#)

BY Boylan, Kislak, Cruz, Cortvriend, Stewart, Ajello, Donovan, Morales, Potter, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1591/1} (Requires all state licensed health care facilities to convert the powering of their operations from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. DOH would promulgate rules and regulations to implement the requirements.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5549](#)

BY Kislak, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ZERO-EMISSION LAWN CARE DEVICES {LC1429/1} (Mandates that by January 1, 2025, all lawn care devices sold in the state have zero emissions and that by January 1, 2028, all lawn care devices used in the state have zero emissions. DEM to promulgate rules and regulations.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5551](#)

BY Cortvriend, Kislak, Morales, Bennett, Edwards, McGaw, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC1364/1} (Authorizes and empowers the department of transportation to plant pollinator-friendly species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5674](#)

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, J. Lombardi, Carson, Cotter, Donovan, Spears, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND GREENWAYS ACT OF 1995 {LC2018/1} (Requires the installation of signs indicating locations of greenway areas.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5742](#)

BY Noret, Chippendale, Corvese, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS {LC1542/1} (Adds additional species to the prohibition of hunting, shooting or trapping except in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department of environmental management governing hunting seasons and limits.)

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5778](#)

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Bennett, Edwards, Caldwell, Dawson, Finkelman, Sanchez, J. Lombardi, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES {LC1882/1} (Repeals the insurance of multipurpose vessel licenses.)

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5863](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Spears, Casimiro, Kazarian, Boylan, McGaw, Fenton-Fung, Speakman, Craven, McEntee, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1800/1} (Provides amendments to multiple sections of law related to the marine fisheries council.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5864](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED {LC2236/1} (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals. This act does not prohibit the release of upland game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5865](#)

BY P. Morgan, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE {LC1440/1} (Requires that all equipment and components used for solar panel installations and wind power turbines be manufactured using renewable energy sources and not from energy derived from fossil fuels.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5866](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Place, Chippendale, Rea, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE ATMOSPHERE PROTECTION ACT {LC1464/1} (Prohibits the intentional release of hazardous polluting emissions, and provides for a natural climate while increasing resiliency by prohibiting deliberate atmospheric pollution and manipulation of the environment.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [6055](#)**~~

~~**BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Handy, Spears, Potter, Carson**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM {LC1887/1} (Requires the DEM adopt motor vehicle emissions standards based on California's promulgated standards; provided that, the California standards achieve greater motor vehicle pollution reductions than the federal standards as required by § 31-47.1-1(a).)~~

~~03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [6056](#)

BY Spears, Carson, Cortvriend, Finkelman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Boylan, McGaw, Shanley, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY {LC1344/1} (Establishes a chief resilience officer (CRO) charged with creation/maintenance/updating of the state's resiliency/recovery program along with climate change resiliency plan with ocean/riverine coasts resilience advisory board.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6057](#)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS {LC663/1} (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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