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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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**S-2044 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME  
S-2268 HAS BEEN ADDED**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 16, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the Senate  
**PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

## **SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT**

Appointment of Gordon Preiss VICE Robert Walker to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2032.

## **SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7662](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, Finkelman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4881/1} (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

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

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

03/17/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/20/2026 Placed on House Calendar

03/24/2026 House read and passed

03/27/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7151](#)**

**BY Finkelman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3859/1} (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

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01/27/2026 Committee recommends passage  
01/30/2026 Placed on House Calendar  
02/03/2026 House read and passed  
02/06/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR 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

**Senate Resolution No. [3162](#)**

**BY Bissaillon, Urso**

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CITY AND TOWN AFFAIRS {LC6209/1} (Establishes a joint legislative commission on city and town affairs.)**

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or 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

**Senate Bill No. [2044](#)**

**BY ~~Raptakis, Rogers~~**

**~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT {LC3450/1} (Requires 10% of all rental fees collected by the water resources board pursuant to a lease with the Coventry Pines Golf Club be paid to the town of Coventry and 10% to the Central Coventry Fire District.)~~**

~~01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**Senate Bill No. [2473](#)**

**BY Bell, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman, Gu ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT {LC4799/1}** (Addresses any single-family construction, townhouse construction, and multi-family construction complying with the Standards for Visitable Units of the ANSI' Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.)

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

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/06/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

**Senate Bill No. [2260](#)**

**BY Kallman, Britto, DiMario, Gu, Valverde, Lauria, Euer, Vargas, Urso, Mack ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING BENCHMARKING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2026 {LC4068/1}** (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

**Senate Bill No. [3032](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Rogers**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC6059/1}** (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/09/2026 Meeting postponed

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

**Senate Bill No. [2902](#)**

**BY Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Gu, Vargas, Mack, McKenney, Pearson, Euer, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CAPACITY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE {LC5476/1}** (Precludes a legal entity from owning property whose value is over \$25,000,000. If the property value exceeds \$25,000,000, then the entity must divest a graduated yearly amount over the next 10 years, until value is less than \$25,000,000.)

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

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

**Senate Bill No. [2268](#)**

**BY Kallman, Bissaillon, DiMario, Gu, Mack, DiPalma, Rogers, McKenney, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAITH-BASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACT {LC4244/1} (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.)**

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 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.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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