
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2097](#)

BY Acosta, DiPalma, DiMario, Vargas, Felag, Zurier, Valverde, Thompson, Quezada, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS {LC3824/1}

(Requires quarterly financial reporting to the executive office of health and human services beginning on October 1, 2026.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2241](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Acosta, Murray, Thompson, Quezada, Kallman, Britto, Mack ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC3645/1} (Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2246](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Zurier, DiMario, E Morgan, Acosta, Felag ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY

CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT {LC3264/1} (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [2252](#)

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000 FOR THE JEWISH COLLABORATIVE SERVICES {LC4366/1} (Appropriates the sum of \$75,000 to Jewish Collaborative Services.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2447](#)

BY Kallman, Valverde, DiPalma, Murray, Lauria, Euer, Ujifusa, Acosta, Zurier, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION {LC4427/1} (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2542](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC5127/1} (Requires the EOHHS to amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2667](#)

BY Vargas, DiMario, Urso, Murray, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT {LC4412/1} (Expands eligibility for the childcare assistance program to meet the federal eligibility benchmark.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2806](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, DiPalma, Mack, Felag, Urso, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- EQUAL PAY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS {LC5472/1} (Requires the state and private health insurers to reimburse claims for healthcare services provided by nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same amount as the reimbursement paid to a physician performing the service in the area served.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2811](#)

BY DiPalma, DiMario, Murray, Thompson, Zurier, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE ACT OF 2026 {LC5653/1} (Creates a publicly funded program for uninsured individuals requiring on an appropriation of \$53,200,000 for fiscal year 2027 and an appropriation of 109,600,000 for fiscal year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2828](#)

BY Murray, Acosta, Bissailon, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson, LaMountain, Bell, Pearson, Felag ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC5392/1} (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period and increases the monthly cash benefit to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level effective July 1, 2026.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2829](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC5321/1} (Adds a new category to the eligibility of childcare assistance to include a "protective services category" which would include foster or kinship children served through DCYF.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2831](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, DiPalma, Urso, Pearson, LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC5251/1} (Appropriates two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) to fund the primary care training sites program to provide training for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants within the department of health.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2834](#)

BY Valverde, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Zurier, Quezada, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS -- EARLY INTERVENTION EXTENSION--BRIDGE TO PRESCHOOL {LC4426/1} (Permits extended early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities whose third birthday is between May 1 and August 31.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2840](#)

BY Thompson, Patalano, Murray, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC5272/1} (Exempts from the sales tax licensed child care centers.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2841](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC5449/1} (Mandates DCYF protection for benefits owed to foster children.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2845](#)

BY Valverde, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Quezada, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME--VISITING ACT {LC5034/1} (Changes annual reporting requirements for the state's family home-visiting program and also impacts appropriation and spending of funds in order to access maximum federal funding for these programs.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [2848](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Gallo, Lauria, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC5649/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [3153](#)

BY Vargas, DiMario, Urso, Appollonio, Lauria, Murray, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC6174/1}

(Authorizes the secretary of the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to increase resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term care needs who reside at home to \$12,000 for single persons and \$18,000 for couples.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 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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