

SB2186 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Rhode Island Housing And Resources Act Of 1998 [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Victoria Gu (D)

Companion: [HB7063 - Rep. Spears \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Incorporates universal design principals into new construction of low- and moderate-income housing to provide greater accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 03/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (03/14/2024)

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/14/2024)

03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2188 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Ana Quezada (D)

Companion: [HB7963 - Rep. Giraldo \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/09/2024)

05/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2189 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7304-A - Rep. Stewart \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Increases the time requirements notice for rental increases from 30 days to 90 days and for persons older than age 62 to 120 days.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/04/2024)

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2417 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Creates a tenant bill of rights to the right to counsel, the right to habitability, the right to organize free, the right to be free from discrimination, the right to first refusal if the landlord decides to sell the property, and right to renew lease.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)

03/16/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (03/19/2024)

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/30/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (05/02/2024)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2438 - An Act Relating To Property [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, and provides for fines for failure to comply, and requires notices of denials to be sent to the prospective tenants.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)

03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SJR2555 - Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$20,000,000 For The Housing Down Payment Assistance Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HJR7776 - Rep. Kislak \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to support the Down Payment Assistance program.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/30/2024)

04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2631 - An Act Relating To Property -- Community Opportunity To Purchase Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D)

Companion: [HB7655 - Rep. Speakman \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. John Burke (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Grants a right of first offer to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 03/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (03/14/2024)

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/14/2024)

03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2643 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7647 - Rep. Kislak \(D\)](#)

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/04/2024)

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2752 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Affordable Housing Rent Pilot Program](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D)

Companion: [HB8000 - Rep. Morales \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Dominick J. Ruggiero (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. John Burke (D);

Intro Date: 3/8/2024

Summary: Establishes and fund an affordable housing pilot program at reduced rents to be administered by the state department of housing with an appropriation of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Complete 03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/30/2024)

04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2760 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Department Of Housing Land Bank Program](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D)

Companion: [HB7922 - Rep. Speakman \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/8/2024

Summary: Establishes a housing land bank program with the goal of creating affordable housing in the State of Rhode Island. The housing land bank would have the authority to buy, receive and hold property in furtherance of this goal.

Complete 03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/10/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/14/2024)

05/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2824 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Melissa Murray (D)

Companion: [HB7746 - Rep. Cruz \(D\)](#)

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

History: 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/02/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (05/02/2024)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

[SB2868 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Housing Production Revolving Fund Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D)

Companion: [HB7923 - Rep. Speakman \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Authorizes the department of housing to issue bonds in the amount of \$50,000,000 with a maturity date not to exceed 20 years, to establish the housing production revolving fund, to promote the development of housing and ensuring more affordable housing.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/30/2024)
04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SJR2918 - Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \\$1,600,000 To The Department Of Housing For Legal Assistance And Housing Navigation Resources](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D);

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,600,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Housing.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/30/2024)
04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2919 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7746 - Rep. Cruz \(D\)](#)

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)
05/24/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (05/28/2024)
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/27/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (05/28/2024)
05/27/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (05/30/2024)
05/30/2024 Committee recommends passage
05/30/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (06/04/2024)

Progress: 4/12 - 1st Chamber Placed on Calendar

[SB2920 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act -- Just Cause Evictions](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7960 - Rep. Cruz \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D);

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: Provides for just cause evictions for residential landlord tenancies.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2921 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7962 - Rep. Morales \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D);

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: Recognizes tenants' unions and provides a procedure whereby the housing resources commission shall administer a hearing process for consolidated complaints filed by tenants' unions, pertaining to the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2922 - An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- Housing Maintenance And Occupancy Code -- Notice Of Violations](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)
Companion: [HB7987 - Rep. Cruz \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D);
Intro Date: 3/27/2024
Summary: Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB2923 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Tenant'S Right To Legal Representation Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)
Companion: [HB7957 - Rep. Cruz \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D);
Intro Date: 3/27/2024
Summary: Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[SB3111 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Lead Hazard Mitigation](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D)
Companion: [HB7533 - Rep. Corvese \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D);
Intro Date: 5/29/2024
Summary: Requires renovation projects of pre-1978 buildings to comply with provisions of chapter 24.6 of title 23 and chapter 21 of title 28, and require presence of lead inspector and supervisor and require lead training. DLT would ensure compliance.
Complete 05/29/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Labor
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7049 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Brandon Potter (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D);
Intro Date: 1/5/2024
Summary: Limits rent increases to no more than 4% annually and provides tenants with a civil action to recover damages for any violations.
Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7062 - An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- Zoning Ordinances](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)
Companion: [SB2630 - Sen. Gu \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. K. Joseph Shekarchi (D); Rep. Christopher Blazejewski (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D);
Intro Date: 1/5/2024
Summary: Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.
Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
History: 01/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/25/2024)
01/25/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
01/26/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (02/01/2024)
02/01/2024 Committee recommends passage
02/09/2024 [Placed on House Calendar](#) (02/14/2024)
02/14/2024 House read and passed
03/01/2024 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
Progress: 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

[HB7063 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Rhode Island Housing And Resources Act Of 1998](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Tina Spears (D)
Companion: [SB2186 - Sen. Gu \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D); Rep. Alex Finkelman (D); Rep. Matthew Dawson (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. William W. O'Brien (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D);
Intro Date: 1/5/2024
Summary: Incorporates universal design principals into new construction of low- and moderate-income housing to provide greater accessibility for persons with disabilities.
Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
History: 01/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/25/2024)
01/25/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7174 - An Act Relating To Property -- Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);
Intro Date: 1/11/2024
Summary: Prohibits landlords from inquiring about an applicant's prior incarceration and from discriminating against those who have been released from prison.
Complete 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
History: 02/26/2024 Committee transferred to House Judiciary
03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7304-A - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D)
Companion: [SB2189 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Jason Knight (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. June Speakman (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Requires landlords of residential properties give tenants notice of rent increase at least 90 days prior to increase and requires notice requirement for rent increases for month to month tenants who are over the age of 62 years, to 120 days.
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/24/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (05/28/2024)
05/24/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/28/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
Progress: 3/12 - 1st Chamber Committee recommends

[HB7317 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Radon Control](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Boylan (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Requires landlords to conduct a radon test of all residential rental properties every five (5) years. Short-term residential rentals would be excluded from radon testing requirements.
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 02/29/2024 Withdrawn at sponsor's request
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7372 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ramon Perez (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D);
Intro Date: 1/31/2024
Summary: Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) plus the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually.
Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7534 - An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- City Housing Authorities](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)
Companion: [SB2763 - Sen. LaMountain \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D);
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Summary: Allows RIHMFC and related organization to administer allocations of funds for low-income housing.
Complete 02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
History: 03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/12/2024)

Progress: 03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7647 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D)

Companion: [SB2643 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D);

Intro Date: 2/15/2024

Summary: Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.

Complete 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7655 - An Act Relating To Property -- Community Opportunity To Purchase Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)

Companion: [SB2631 - Sen. Kallman \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D);

Intro Date: 2/15/2024

Summary: Grants a right of first offer to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.

Complete 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)
03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7746 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)

Companion: [SB2824 - Sen. Murray \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Boylan (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.

Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HJR776 - Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$20,000,000 For The Housing Down Payment Assistance Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D)

Companion: [SJR2555 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to support the Down Payment Assistance program.

Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History: 04/18/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)
04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/18/2024 [Committee postponed at request of sponsor](#) (04/23/2024)
05/10/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/14/2024)
05/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7922 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Department Of Housing Land Bank Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)

Companion: [SB2760 - Sen. Kallman \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Matthew Dawson (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Establishes a housing land bank program with the goal of creating affordable housing in the State of Rhode Island. The housing land bank would have the authority to buy, receive and hold property in furtherance of this goal.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History: 04/18/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)
04/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7923 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Housing Production Revolving Fund Act [pdf](#)
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Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)
Companion: [SB2868 - Sen. Bissailon \(D\)](#)
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Intro Date: 3/4/2024
Summary: Authorizes the department of housing to issue bonds in the amount of \$50,000,000 with a maturity date not to exceed 20 years, to establish the housing production revolving fund, to promote the development of housing and ensuring more affordable housing.
Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History: 04/18/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)
04/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7957 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Tenant'S Right To Legal Representation Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)
Companion: [SB2923 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7959-A - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ramon Perez (D)
Companion: [SB2188 - Sen. Quezada \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Deborah J. Fellela (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. David Bennett (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/17/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/17/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (05/21/2024)
05/21/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/24/2024 [Placed on House Calendar](#) (05/30/2024)
05/30/2024 House passed Sub A
05/30/2024 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
Progress: 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

HB7960 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act -- Just Cause Evictions [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)
Companion: [SB2920 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Provides for just cause evictions for residential landlord tenancies.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7961 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Imposes a fine up to \$150 a day on a landlord for failure to deliver a copy of a state or local housing code violation to each residential tenant and a notice to prospective tenants of the building affected by said violation within 30 days of its receipt.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7962 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

HB799 - An Act Relating To Property -- Residential Landlord And Tenant Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D)

Companion: [SB2188 - Sen. Quezada \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D);

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.

Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7987 - An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- Housing Maintenance And Occupancy Code -- Notice Of Violations [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D)

Companion: [SB2922 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D);

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.

Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)

03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB8128 - An Act Relating To Property -- Fair Chance In Housing Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D);

Intro Date: 4/3/2024

Summary: Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, provides fines for failure to comply and requires notice of denials be sent to the prospective tenants.

Complete 04/03/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred