

UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND
2006 Legislative Agenda Report



Bill No.	Description	Status
<p>H 7764</p> <p>S 2873</p>	<p>By Slater, Kennedy, Diaz, Almeida, Dennigan Entitled, an act authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes of the state for the purpose of implementing municipal affordable housing plans.</p> <p>By Tassoni, Roberts, Caprio F, Algieri Entitled, an act authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes of the state for the purpose of implementing municipal affordable housing plans.</p> <p><i>This act would authorize the State to issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$75,000,000 to finance the Workforce Housing program. Sections 1,2,3, and 13 of this Act would take effect on passage. The remainder of this Act would take effect upon approval of this Act by a majority of those voting on the referendum question at the election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 2006.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Priority Support - Impact Area: HPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation passed – Budget article # 5 <p>~ Bond melded into budget at \$50 million in support of the production of affordable homes and rental units; bond to be presented for approval by voters as ballot question in November '06 general election.</p>
<p>H 7262</p> <p>S 2840</p>	<p>By Fox, Pacheco, Lewiss, Slater, Rice Entitled, an act relating to housing resources – neighborhood opportunities program.</p> <p>By Pichardo, Goodwin, Felag Entitled, an act relating to housing resources – neighborhood opportunities program.</p> <p><i>This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Priority Support - Impact Area: HPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation passed – Budget article #7 <p>~ Bond melded into budget at \$7.5 million in support of the production of affordable rental units; bond to be issued by RI Housing.</p>
<p>H 7529 Sub A</p> <p>S2797 Sub A</p>	<p>By Pacheco, Lewiss, San Bento, Corvese, Gallison Entitled, an act relating to elections – Campaign Expenditures</p> <p>By McCaffrey Entitled, an act relating to elections – Campaign Expenditures</p> <p><i>This act would separate reporting requirements for expenditures on ballot questions from political campaigns.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Priority Support - Impact Area: N-Profit Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation passed – ~ Bill signed into law by Governor on 6/27/06 ~ Statute will allow non-profits full participation in ballot advocacy with less restrictive procedures and reporting requirements, while still maintaining full disclosure of where funds come from to support or oppose any given ballot question.

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<p>H 7055</p> <p>S 2263</p>	<p>By Slater, Williams, Naughton, Almeida, and Diaz Entitled, an act relating to state affairs and Government – RI Housing Resources Act of (power to administer a support services program)</p> <p>By Felag, Pichardo, Perry, Tassoni, and Goodwin Entitled, an act relating to state affairs and Government – RI Housing Resources Act of (power to administer a support services program)</p> <p><i>This act would give the RI Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the supportive services program which aids in the prevention of homelessness, and would appropriate \$350, 000 in fiscal year 2006-2007 to carry out this provision of this act.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Priority Support - Impact Area: HPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation passed – melded into state budget <p>~ Budget allocation (\$300,000) melded into Housing Resources Commission annual program budget for second year support for homeless prevention pilot (matching funds to United Way)</p>
<p>H 7686 Sub A</p> <p>S 2628 Sub A</p>	<p>BY Sullivan, Jackson, Church, O’Neill, and Williamson Entitled, an act relating to medical assistance – Long Term Care and Finance Reform.</p> <p>BY Perry, Goodwin, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Connors Entitled, an act relating to medical assistance – Long Term Care and Finance Reform.</p> <p><i>This act would require the Department of Human Services to develop a new model for the provision and delivery of long-term care services that supports choice and independence.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Support - Impact Area: HPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation passed – <p>~ Statute will allow for implementation of long-term care programs expanding community based alternative services to nursing home care. Implementation – Fiscal year `08.</p>
<p>H 7721</p>	<p>By Slater, Faria, Almeida, Diaz, Williamson Entitled, an act relating to taxation – the Taxpayer Relief Act – Earned Income Tax Credit</p> <p><i>This act would increase the refundable earned income credit from 10% to 15%.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Support - Impact Area: BANI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation passed – melded into state budget <p>~ Legislation increases Rhode Island refundable EITC program to qualifying recipients- projected fiscal note \$1 million dollars.</p>

Bill No.	Description	Status
<p>H 7367</p> <p>S 2543</p>	<p>By Dennigan, Rose, Anguilla, Ginaitt, Almeida Entitled, an act relating to affordable housing – establishing a fund to support nonprofit corporations who provide or develop affordable housing.</p> <p><i>This act would create a community development corporation fund in order to supplement funding for community based non-profit corporations whose purpose is to provide affordable housing.</i></p> <p>By Perry, Goodwin, Felag, Roberts, Sosnowski Entitled, an act relating to property – Community Development Corporation Building Fund.</p> <p><i>This act would establish the Community Development Corporation Fund Act of 2006, which would have as its purpose the goal to strengthen the development capacity of eligible non-profit housing or other community development projects. The fund would be maintained through annual appropriations from the general assembly.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Support - Impact Area: HPIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action taken in budget; possible legislative grant option
<p>H 7147 Sub A</p>	<p>By Amaral Entitled, an act relating to business and professions solicitation by charitable organizations.</p> <p><i>This act would require disclosure of the identity of our solicitor receiving more than 25% of the amount of a charitable contribution made through that solicitor.</i></p> <p>UWRI Position: Monitor - Impact Area: N-Profit Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation passed – ~ UWRI assisted in refinement of language in creating final legislation
<p>H 7120</p>	<p>By Watson, Mumford, Gorham, Savage and Ehrhardt Appropriations for the support of the state for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007</p> <p>UWRI Position: Monitor budget reductions to services and programs related to impact area priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplemental FY 06 Budget approved
<p>H 7121</p>	<p>By Watson, Mumford, Gorham, Savage and Ehrhardt Revised appropriations for the support of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006</p> <p>UWRI Position: Monitor budget reductions to services and programs related to impact area priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 07 Budget approved