

BILL No.	PRIMARY SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2219 7687	Perry Slater	RI Housing Resources Act of 1998	
<p>SUMMARY: Would give RI Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the supportive services program which aids in the prevention of homelessness. Appropriation of \$500,000 was deleted from legislation.</p> <p>POSITION: Priority Support FOCUS AREA: Affordable Housing & Homelessness PARTNER COALITIONS: RI Coalition for the Homeless</p>			<p>Referred to: Senate Finance and House Finance Passed as amended in Senate Transmitted to Governor</p> <p>FUNDS ELIMINATED FROM FINAL LANGUAGE</p>
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7918	Fox	Housing Resources Neighborhood Opportunities Program	
<p>SUMMARY: Funds NOP program to address housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods.</p> <p>POSITION: Priority Support FOCUS AREA: Affordable Housing and Homelessness PARTNER COALITIONS: RI Coalition for the Homeless, SHAC</p>			<p>Referred to House Finance –No Action Partial funding resorted at \$2.5 million for operating expenses for FY08 7 FY 09</p>
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7162	Costantino	State Affairs & Gov. Office of Health and Human Services	
<p>SUMMARY: Eliminates the five health and human services departments and consolidates the functions of the Departments within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to include: DCYF, DOE, DOH, DHS, and Dept. of Mental Health.</p> <p>POSITION: Priority Support FOCUS AREA: State Government PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Sub A passed House and sent to Senate ; no action taken</p>

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2223 7551	Perry Sullivan	Long Term Care Service & Finance Reform	
<p>SUMMARY: Requires DHS to design a model system for integrated long-term care that expands the capacity of the long-term care system as a whole to support home and consumer choice and independence.</p> <p>Mandates 50% of the Medicaid long-term care funding to be utilized on home and community-based care. RI currently spends 90% in nursing home care and 10% in home and community-based cares. Legislation sets goal to change spending to 50%-50% by 2012.</p> <p>POSITION: Support FOCUS AREA: Seniors PARTNER COALITIONS: Senior Agenda Coalition</p>			<p>-Referred to: Senate Health and Human Services House Finance Committee</p> <p>Senate passed sub A (floor amendment) No final passage</p>
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7556 2923	Church Gallo	Food Stamp Employment and Training Program	
<p>SUMMARY: This act would direct the department of human services to seek additional federal funds through the food stamp employment and training program to provide employment and training services to food stamp recipients.</p> <p>POSITION: Support FOCUS AREA: Workforce Development PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Passed in Senate and House. Effective without Governor's signature.</p>
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7686	Slater	Personal Income tax	
<p>SUMMARY: Reinststitutes refundable earned income tax credit.</p> <p>POSITION: Support FOCUS AREA: Workforce Development PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to House Finance – no action</p>

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2098	Pichardo	Fam. Asset Building Comm.	
<p>SUMMARY: Extends reporting dates of the Family Income and Asset-Building Commission from January 30, 2008 to June 3, 2008.</p> <p>POSITION: Support FOCUS AREA: Workforce Development</p>			<p>Passed in both House and Senate Effective without Governor's signature</p>
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2182	Metts	Earned Income Credit	
<p>SUMMARY: Increases the refundable state earned income credit from 15% to 100%.</p> <p>POSITION: Support FOCUS AREA: Workforce Development PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to Senate Finance – No action</p>
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7843	Costantino	Charitable Giving by Public Corporations	
<p>SUMMARY: Would prohibit public corporations of the state from making charitable donations / grants. (RI Housing)</p> <p>POSITION: Amend FOCUS AREA: Non-Profit Sector PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to House Finance – no action</p>
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8016	Murphy	Historic Structures – Tax Credits	
<p>SUMMARY: Creates several amendments to tax credit for historic structures.</p> <p>POSITION: Monitor FOCUS AREA: Affordable Housing & Homelessness PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Sub A significantly revised program; recalibrated credits, funding sunset overall tax credit program Signed by Governor</p>

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7403	Dennigan	Universal Breakfast Program	
<p>SUMMARY: Would establish a Universal Breakfast program for all Rhode Island students regardless of family income.</p> <p>POSITION: Monitor</p> <p>FOCUS AREA: Children and Families</p> <p>PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to House Finance No action</p>
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2529	Walaska	Child Advocate Office	
<p>SUMMARY: Eliminates the office of the Child Advocate.</p> <p>POSITION: Oppose</p> <p>FOCUS AREA: Children and Families</p> <p>PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to Senate Judiciary No action</p>
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8113	DENNIGAN	FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT	
<p>SUMMARY: This act would make substantial revisions to the employment standards and the assessment of parent's education and vocational abilities, in order to qualify for public assistance.</p> <p>POSITION: Support</p> <p>FOCUS AREA: Workforce Development</p> <p>PARTNER COALITIONS:</p>			<p>Referred to House Finance – no action FIP significantly revised in budget Article 16.</p>