**Legislative Break April 15 – 20**

The General Assembly is on vacation break this week. They will return April 23rd for the third phase of the session. This last phase is marked with the development and passage of the final budget which should take place in June. The House and Senate Finance Committees have almost completed hearings on the Governor’s proposed budget. They will now wait for the completion of the May Revenue Estimating Conference. The Governor’s Budget Staff meets with the House Fiscal Staff and the Senate Fiscal Staff to debate and adopt revenue and caseload estimates for the upcoming two fiscal years. These numbers will be used by the General Assembly as the guardrails for the budget.

**May Revenue Estimating Conference Agenda**

Friday April 26, 2024 – Caseload Testimony

9:00 A.M Cash Assistance Caseload

Department of Human Services

Private Community Developmental Disabilities Services Caseload

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

1:00 P.M. Medical Caseload

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Monday April 29, 2024 - Economic Overview and Testimony

9:00 A.M. US and RI Economic Forecasts – S&P Global Market Intelligence

Michael Lynch and Juan Turcios, Economists

RI Labor Market Conditions - Department of Labor and Training

Donna Murray, Assistance Director, Labor Market Information Unit

Consensus Economic Forecast

10:30 A.M. Lottery Receipts - Department of Revenue, Division of Lottery

Mark Furcolo, Director, Division of Lottery

Commerce Corporation Tax Credits - Commerce Corporation

Jeff Miller, Executive Vice President of Investments, RI Commerce Corporation

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - Caseload Follow up Testimony (if necessary)\*

1:00 P.M. Cash Assistance Caseload

Department of Human Services

Private Community Developmental Disabilities Services Caseload

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Medical Caseload Executive

Office of Health and Human Services

Monday, May 6, 2024 – Caseload Estimating Conference

9:30 A.M. Caseload Estimating Conference

Monday, May 6, 2024 - Revenue Testimony

2:00 P.M. Tax Collections - Department of Revenue, Division of Taxation

Neena Savage, State Tax Administrator

Accruals - Department of Administration, Office of Accounts and Control

Dorothy Pascale, State Controller

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Follow up Testimony (if necessary)\*

1:00 P.M. Tax Collections - Department of Revenue, Division of Taxation

Neena Savage, State Tax Administrator

Friday, May 10, 2024 - Revenue Estimating Conference

9:00 A.M. Revenue Estimating Conference

\*in the event that testimony is submitted in writing and no hearing is necessary, all documents will be posted online. Meeting materials will be made available on the General Assembly website at https://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/rcc/Pages/rcec.aspx or http://omb.ri.gov/REC .

The following new bill was filed last week:

House Bill No. [8170](http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText24/HouseText24/H8170.pdf) Shallcross Smith, Craven, Ackerman, Kislak, Noret, DeSimone, Nardone, Fellela, Baginski, J. Lombardi**,**AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.)

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText24/HouseText24/H8170.pdf>