



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE REPORT FORM

Department: Rhode Island

Month: January 2024

Committee Member Name: Matthew Baldwin McCoy

Report:

1. On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, the Rhode Island General Assembly reconvened for their 2024 legislative session.
2. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Rhode Island Governor Daniel J. McKee delivered his 2024 State of the State address (<https://www.c-span.org/video/?532925-1/rhode-island-state-state-address>).
3. On Thursday, January 18, 2024, the Governor's proposed FY2025 budget was released to the public (<https://omb.ri.gov/budget-office/fy-2025-governors-budget>). The proposed FY2025 budget did not include any funding specifically for the VFWRI Veterans Service Office.
4. The House Permanent Veteran Advisory Committee did not meet in January. Their next meeting is in February 2024.
5. I attended the VFWRI Educational Awards luncheon at the Quonset O'Club on Saturday, January 20, 2024. I used the occasion to discuss the proposed VFW Anti-Claim Shark legislation with Representative Samuel Azzinaro, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.
6. I participated in a Zoom call with Patrick Murray (Director, National Legislative Service) to discuss the VFW's nation-wide initiative to pass anti-claim shark legislation at the state level. I briefed Patrick on our efforts here in Rhode Island.

Very respectfully,

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