

State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: 240-RICR-00-00-3: Conduct of Public Hearings

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		State Expenditures		City/Town Expenditures	
FY 2026	\$ -	FY 2026	\$ -	FY 2026	\$ -
FY 2027	\$ -	FY 2027	\$ -	FY 2027	\$ -
FY 2028	\$ -	FY 2028	\$ -	FY 2028	\$ -

Summary of Policy Change: This regulation sets the standards for how the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) must run public hearings on proposed rules. It establishes when a hearing is required, how notice must be given, who may speak, and how the hearing record is kept, all with the aim of ensuring fair, open, and orderly proceedings. By doing so, it protects the public's right to be heard on proposed regulations and ensures that the RIDOC receives a clear, accessible record of public input before making regulatory decisions.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact: The policy requires public hearings to be either transcribed by a stenographer or audio recorded. In FY 2023, the Department spent \$10,109 on stenographic services which is \$2,391 less than the \$12,500 included in the FY 2025 enacted budget. There were no expenses incurred during FY 2024 related to these services, and through February of FY 2025, the Department has spent \$188 of its aforementioned budget allocation. Based on historic and current spending, we expect to absorb any additional costs related to this policy within our existing budget allocation.

City or Town Impact: No impact.

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