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House Committee on Banking, Insurance, and Commerce

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Banking, Insurance, and Commerce Committee shall have jurisdiction over the banking industry, the analysis of all legislation on banking matters, lending and investment and financial institutions, both local, federal and international, as well as everything related to insurance, including the Insurance Code, except for matters related to savings and credit cooperatives; in addition, it shall have jurisdiction over all matters, studies and investigations and situations related to commerce in general; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Cooperativism

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Cooperativism Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to measures aimed at the promotion, organization, supervision, inspection, reorganization and dissolution of cooperatives; the cooperative movement in its various dimensions, such as consumption, savings, credit, financing, production, housing and any other nature, but within the cooperative philosophy, including in turn studies and evaluation of problems and situations that affect in one way or another the stability, development, progress and well-being of cooperativism; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Municipal Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Municipal Affairs shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to municipalities, both in economic and operational aspects; over all proposals for the creation of municipalities and the consolidation of intermunicipal and regional services; over the services provided by the Office of Municipal Management attached to the Office of Management and Budget, the Municipal Revenue Collection Center (CRIM), and other related instrumentalities that provide services to municipalities; over any proposal for municipal reform and special laws that administer or affect municipalities; over government programs that affect municipalities; and over the formulation of proposals that promote the comprehensive development of municipalities, with the purpose of addressing their needs for economic progress, urban and rural development, employment, environment, recreation, transportation, and public protection; any agency, body, or instrumentality, present or future, whose

functions affect the development of our municipalities. It shall also consider all proposals to provide greater powers to municipalities and increase their capacity through the establishment of autonomous regions. and on any matter delegated to him by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Retirement System

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Retirement System Commission shall have jurisdiction over all matters or legislation related to the legislation and studies concerning the operation of government retirement systems and the welfare of their beneficiaries; the legislation necessary and convenient to improve the administration of these systems, give them vitality, strengthen and preserve their economic solvency, as well as everything related to the benefits they offer, their participants and their pensioners; proposals concerning the retirement of public employees, the systems themselves and their participants in a group or individually; as well as participate in the oversight of the operation and solvency of the public sector retirement funds; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Women's Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Women's Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to promoting the full development of women in society, by fostering opportunities for women to access personal, occupational, and professional training and education; enhancing the status of women in society by driving efforts aimed at transforming and improving the living conditions of women in communities;

achieving true equality by promoting, disseminating, and implementing a public policy of genuine gender equity; women's legal and constitutional rights and their status or position in society in legal, economic, political, and social aspects; discrimination against women or possible violations of their legal and constitutional rights; feminicides; the needs of single mothers and their families, young women who, due to violence, early pregnancies, or economic circumstances, among others, opt to leave their studies, women who require a safe shelter due to abuse or divorce, professionals who require government support for childcare and access to employment opportunities and entrepreneurial activities, and those who need adequate access to sexual and reproductive health services, prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care, among others; and on any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its President" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Agriculture

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Agriculture Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to proposed legislative measures and comprehensive reforms that address the needs and promote the better development of the agricultural industry in Puerto Rico, with the purpose of defining, implementing, managing, supervising, and establishing public policy; the regulation, supervision, and inspection of agricultural activities and products; agricultural mechanization; marketing and distribution of agricultural products, agricultural capital, and credit; educational services in agricultural techniques for the better economic exploitation of agriculture, conservation, rescue, and use of agricultural lands; agricultural experimentation and research; agriculture in general; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its President" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Youth Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Youth Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to public policy facilitating the entry of young people into the job markets; vocational training; preferential attention to finding solutions to youth problems in their various aspects; public and private institutions for the social treatment of minors; training, employment, and vocational rehabilitation of minors under the Department of Labor and Human Resources; the Youth Affairs Division of the Police; the Youth Development Program of the Department of Economic Development and Commerce; cultural programs for young people promoted by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture; governmental and private institutions addressing the needs and concerns of youth; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its President" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Internal Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Internal Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to studies on the structure, procedures, administration, and functioning of the House of Representatives; measures concerning the relations of the House of Representatives with the Senate of Puerto Rico and with other branches of government, as well as those related to efforts aimed at reforming the Legislative Branch; the consideration of resolutions submitted by the President of the House of Representatives for conducting investigations, creating special committees, and making official statements on behalf of the House of Representatives; general advice to the President and the House of Representatives on administrative matters; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its President" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Jobs and Labor Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Labor and Employment Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters or legislation related to working conditions, hours and wages, labor-management relations; the training and retraining of workers; labor services and guidance; union training; unemployment and job security in general; the prevention and compensation for work-related accidents and rehabilitation due to work-related accidents; migrant workers; special laws including those that prohibit all types of discrimination in employment, and labor in general; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Calendars and Special Debate Rules

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Calendars and Special Rules of Debate will select the measures to be included in every Calendar of Special Orders of the Day. It will also establish special rules to govern any debate, which will take effect upon receipt of the Committee's report on those special rules, thereby rendering all existing regulations governing debates null and void" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Economic Development

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Economic Development Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to economic priorities related to economic development; planning; telecommunications; local, interstate, or international trade and competition; monopoly in its various forms; technology and biotechnology; the knowledge economy; it shall review aspects related to government permitting and how it affects matters of industry and commerce in general; strategic infrastructure projects that promote economic development, whether in the planning or construction phase; matters and situations of industry, commerce, telecommunications, and the economy in general; the interaction of purposes, resources, and efforts of government agencies or between the public and private sectors related to economic development; studies and research related to the promotion of economic development, commerce, industry, and telecommunications; and any matter delegated to it by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Education

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Education Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to measures aimed at the orientation, objectives, and methods of the public education system; the regulation, supervision, and accreditation of educational services provided by private schools and institutions; vocational education, guidance, and rehabilitation; the dissemination of education and culture; services, scholarships, and aid for students; the regulation, accreditation, and creation of conditions that inspire and improve teachers and the development of services that complement instruction for greater effectiveness; university management, administration, research, and teaching, including facilities and equipment; and non-profit organizations, including those that manage knowledge, such as universities, and institutions that facilitate contributions from the private sector.

It shall consider all matters and legislative measures related to educational programs and services for the special education population and people with disabilities. It shall ensure the implementation of public policy that guarantees the provision of services, specialized education, therapies, vocational

rehabilitation, and all efforts to enable this population to move toward independent living.

The Committee shall also have jurisdiction over all matters related to the conservation and promotion of cultural values, the arts, and the sciences; the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and the dissemination of culture and the preservation of historic sites and areas; the State Historic Preservation Office; the Luis A. Ferré Center for the Performing Arts, the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, the School of Visual Arts, the Puerto Rico Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art and Fine Arts; the promotion of the film and audiovisual industry as an artistic and cultural benchmark; the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation (WIPR) and the Corporation for the Development of the Arts, Sciences, and Film Industry of Puerto Rico, as entities that promote the arts and culture; artistic and cultural exchange between Puerto Rico and the rest of the United States and the world; public art and artistic and cultural events and activities; the General Archive of Puerto Rico as a cultural benchmark; and all other matters related to art and culture in general. and on any matter delegated to him by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Ethics

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Ethics Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters concerning the regulation of the conduct of members, officials, and heads of departments of the House of Representatives and their compliance with the ethical and legal regulations governing the House of Representatives in particular and the public service in general; as well as exclusive jurisdiction to take cognizance of, investigate, and process, under due process, report its findings and conclusions to the House of Representatives, and recommend actions to be taken in any case in which the conduct of a member, official, or head of department of the House of Representatives may constitute a violation of the law or an infringement of the House of Representatives' Code of Ethics. This Committee shall not intervene or issue opinions thirty (30) days prior to a general election" (official website).

House Committee on the Government

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Government Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the creation, modification, performance, division, consolidation, integration, and elimination of agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico; legislation affecting the Governor's Office and government offices, departments, and agencies, except for tax legislation or legislation specifically designated in this Resolution to other commissions; the residency process; legislation related to personnel laws and government in general; the evaluation and recommendation for the confirmation or rejection of officials who, by mandate, require confirmation from the House of Representatives; improving the management of government digitization in the public administration; achieving an optimal level of efficiency by maximizing information and communication technologies; facilitating the exchange of information between government entities and citizens; promoting access to information in government; and general legislation affecting the state government not assigned to other Commissions. The evaluation of proposals and formulation of the Island's energy policy, especially that aimed at reducing dependence on fossil fuels and promoting the creation and use of organic fuels, the use of renewable energy technologies, and energy self-sufficiency; all matters concerning the Electric Power Authority, including, but not limited to, contracts, infrastructure, operation, generation capacity, productivity, performance, costs, job creation, and rate reduction; jurisdiction to study, report on, and propose changes to all matters related to the Electoral Code; all current and potential electoral legislation; as well as all proposed legislative amendments to the Constitution of Puerto Rico; and legislation concerning any type of consultation with the People and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on the Judiciary

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Judiciary Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the Judicial System, including quasi-judicial entities of the Executive Branch, judges and courts, the practice of law, social services in the courts, legal services for the state and municipal government and indigent citizens, and the notary profession; the Department of Justice, the Attorney General of Puerto Rico, the Property Registry and registrars; federal and state courts and claims against the State; the body of law governing the civil system, such as the Civil Code, the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Mortgage Law and its Regulations, among others; the body of law governing the criminal system, such as the Penal Code and the Rules of Criminal Procedure; the Rules of Evidence; the Civil Rights Commission; the protection of citizens' civil rights and the allocation of funds and resources for access to justice programs; all legislation related to crime prevention and the rehabilitation of offenders; and on any matter delegated to him by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Older Adults and Social Welfare

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Social Welfare, Persons with Disabilities, and Older Adults will have jurisdiction over all matters related to the development, operation, and supervision of social welfare services for individuals, families, and communities, specifically special populations such as older adults and marginalized communities, with the purpose of implementing public policy that guarantees the services these populations require; the benefits of economic assistance, physical, economic, and emotional rehabilitation; nutritional assistance and food provision; housekeeping facilities; care centers; institutions for the care and rehabilitation of children with social problems; measures to

combat child abuse as well as social security systems; and services focused on a better quality of life.

Likewise, it will have jurisdiction in the consideration of all matters and legislative measures related to the formulation of public policy and the field of education and training, employment, self-management, economic development, housing and health, among others, as well as on the situation of discrimination, oppression or marginalization of persons who have a physical, cognitive, mental or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more essential activities of their life; or are considered to have a physical, mental or sensory impairment, in accordance with the provisions of Law 238-2004, as amended, known as the “Bill of Rights of Persons with Disabilities”; or who have a mental, cognitive, sensory, physical, or any other impairment covered by Federal Public Law No. 106-402, as amended, known as the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights of 2000, Federal Public Law No. 93-112, as amended, known as the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or any other federal or state regulation created in the future by federal or state law, in order to ensure the full participation of this population in all spheres of social, political, economic, governmental, and cultural life; and on any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Small and Medium-sized Businesses

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Small and Medium Business Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to strategic programs, plans, and projects related to the economic and financial development and promotion of small and medium businesses; it shall conduct studies and research and recommend the approval of measures that promote the advancement and progress of small and medium businesses, including providing technical assistance and training; the commercial exchange of small and medium businesses; local marketing and competition; incentives and financing for small and medium businesses; local, interstate, or international commercial exchange and competition of small and medium businesses; it shall review aspects related to government permitting and how it affects matters of industry and commerce in general for small and medium businesses; it shall conduct

studies and research and recommend the approval of measures that promote and develop the commerce of small and medium businesses; and on any matter delegated to it by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Recreation and Sports

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Recreation and Sports Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the formulation of public policy that promotes sports as an essential element of our life and social development; the strengthening of physical education programs in public schools; physical and sports facilities, physical education and recreation and sports in general; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Natural Resources

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Natural Resources Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to studies, research, and legislative recommendations for public policy concerning the preservation, use, and irrigation of land, flood control, the preservation and use of water reserves, mangroves, forest reserves, fisheries, wildlife, mineral deposits and their responsible use, and the conservation of the most important or endangered animal and plant species; matters related to environmental pollution, solid waste disposal, including recycling and landfills; studies and research that allow for the formulation of public policy on environmental quality, including the sanitation of land, water, and air to ensure the highest quality of life, the control of air emissions, discharges into water and onto land,

waste management, and the control and degradation of toxic waste so that it is not harmful to animal and plant life, among others; the study concerning specific determinations on permanent improvements and construction and land use permits that warrant environmental impact studies, taking into consideration existing regulations, maps or plans, conservation, promotion and use of forest resources, fishing and wildlife, mining and archaeological sites and the quality of the environment in general; global warming and its effects, especially on coasts, infrastructure, ecosystems, development and public safety; and on any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker of the House" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Federal and Veterans Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Federal and Veterans Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters concerning the relations between the Government of Puerto Rico, the federal government, and the states of the United States of America and their political subdivisions; intergovernmental agreements and contracts; the participation of Puerto Rico and the House of Representatives in public and private intergovernmental organizations; the study of plans, organization, and provision of services mandated by the “Federal Affairs Administration Act,” as well as all offices and activities of the instrumentalities of the Government of Puerto Rico that are carried out outside of Puerto Rico; the services and treatment provided by federal agencies operating on the Island or that have jurisdiction over the provision of such services to residents of Puerto Rico, with the exception of those provided under the jurisdiction of the Public Funds Oversight Commission; and proposals to federal or international agencies or entities for the establishment of programs or projects on the Island, with the exception of those provided under the jurisdiction of the Public Funds Oversight Commission. The Committee will coordinate and be in charge of processing any dealings outside of Puerto Rico with federal agencies, the White House and the United States Congress related to matters under its jurisdiction.

This Committee will have exclusive jurisdiction over legislation regarding the political relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States, and the holding of consultations, status conventions, plebiscites and referendums on the political status of Puerto Rico.

The Committee will also evaluate legislation concerning federal or international agencies or entities for the establishment of programs or projects on the Island for veterans; the rights to which veterans are entitled by law, including but not limited to, all matters concerning employment, education, work, health and housing; governmental or civic efforts aimed at addressing problems affecting veterans; the Office of the Veterans Advocate; and any matter delegated to it by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Health

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Health Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the implementation of public policy for all public and private services that affect health; the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and the preservation of health; medical, hospital, and outpatient services; research and vital statistics; physical, medical, and paramedical facilities and equipment; the administration, implementation, and management of any modification of a general nature in health systems, such as the government health plan; mental health; the regulation and supervision of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of medical products; health professionals; services that combat alcoholism and drug addiction; health in general; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Public Safety

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Public Safety Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to security and public order; the strengthening of government law and order efforts against violence, crime, and drug trafficking; the Department of Justice, the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, the Institute of Forensic Sciences, and the components of those entities; matters concerning the Armed Forces of the United States of America, federal security agencies such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Security Administration, and state agencies such as the various police forces of the different states, among others; all legislation aimed at controlling and reducing crime and controlling and preventing crime; the allocation of funds and resources for public safety programs and others that may have a direct impact on crime prevention; and the formulation of public policy through legislation that guarantees maximum physical security for urban and rural residents. the plans, programming, public works, organization and provision of services ordered by law to the Puerto Rico National Guard, the Bureau of the Fire Department, the Bureau of Emergency Management and Disaster Administration of Puerto Rico, and those other government agencies that promote civil safety in cases of emergency.

The Committee will also have jurisdiction over all measures related to the promotion of science and technology, scientific research, the development of applications and emerging technologies, the aeronautical and aerospace industry, the artificial intelligence industry, biotechnology and technological innovation for the benefit of the country and its impact on security; and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof." (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the design, research, programming, construction, and use of road and mass transportation systems, whether by air, land, or sea; the functionality and performance of the Department of Transportation

and Public Works, the Integrated Transportation Authority, the Highway and Transportation Authority, the Metropolitan Bus Authority, the Maritime Transportation Authority, the Ports Authority, and the Traffic Safety Commission; parking facilities and traffic on public roads; the safety of these systems and related legal easements; studies of new transportation methods; state public works and related legal easements; public roads in general; the strengthening of infrastructure through strategic mass land, rail, maritime, and air transportation projects; airports, docks, highways, and roads; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its Speaker" (official website, translate by AI).

House Committee on Tourism

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Tourism Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the promotion and development of the tourism industry as an essential part of Puerto Rico's economic growth; research and studies that allow for the definition, implementation, direction, and focus of government policy on tourism; technical assistance, incentives, and related aspects; the management, operation, and conservation of hotels, inns, and other tourist facilities; tourist services and attractions; hotel schools and the labor sector of the tourism industry; gambling, cruises, coastal and port areas, gastronomic, medical, luxury, and sports tourism, ecotourism, and group tourism; government and private entities related to tourism; and the strengthening and expansion of the tourism industry in general.

The Committee shall also have jurisdiction over all matters related to the conservation and promotion of cultural values, the arts, and the sciences; the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and the dissemination of culture and the preservation of historic sites and areas; the State Historic Preservation Office; the Luis A. Ferré Center for the Performing Arts, the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, the School of Visual Arts, the Puerto Rico Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art and Fine Arts; the promotion of the film and audiovisual industry as an artistic and cultural benchmark; the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation (WIPR) and the Corporation for the Development of the Arts, Sciences, and Film Industry of Puerto Rico, as entities that promote the arts

and culture; artistic and cultural exchange between Puerto Rico and the rest of the United States and the world; public art and artistic and cultural events and activities; the General Archive of Puerto Rico as a cultural benchmark; and all other matters related to art and culture in general. and on any matter delegated to him by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Housing and Urban Development

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Housing and Urban Development Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the formulation and adoption of measures aimed at enabling public policy that promotes healthy living conditions and harmonious coexistence in an environment that enriches the lives of residents in our communities; the planning and proper use of land in the development and construction of housing, related infrastructure, and neighborhood facilities; promoting better conditions and alternatives for the development of rural and urban housing; horizontal property; the Building Code; promoting alternatives to improve the quality of life for the most marginalized communities, as well as public and private housing developments; land invasions; federal and state programs related to housing; and any matter delegated to it by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Committee for Reorganization, Efficiency, and Diligence

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Reorganization, Efficiency and Diligence Commission shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to diligence and efficiency in the performance of the functions and tasks assigned to the

government of Puerto Rico and over all government efforts to promote integrity and efficiency in the use and management of public funds.

Likewise, it will have jurisdiction over all matters related to the investigation and accountability of all matters related to the reorganization of the agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico; over all processes to establish the efficiency of all existing laws and laws that must be repealed and over any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or the Speaker thereof" (committee website, translated by AI).

House Committee on Consumer Affairs

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Consumer Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the setting of prices, rents, rates, and product quality, including all matters related to the sale of school textbooks and the payment of tuition and monthly fees at private schools at all school levels; aspects related to installment sales, financing, and credit that affect the consumer, including before agencies, public corporations, and instrumentalities of the government that provide direct services to the public; warranties on products and services, weights and measures, deceptive practices, advertising and publicity, consumer services and education; the analysis and review of all legislation concerning consumer matters; and any matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its Speaker" (official website, translated by AI).

House Regional Committees

Websites:

- **Central Region**
- **Central East Region**
- **Eastern Region**

- **Metro Region**
- **Northern Region**
- **Northern Region**
- **Southern Region**
- **Western Region**

Jurisdiction

The Committees for the regions "will have jurisdiction over all matters related to the socioeconomic development of "the region; "over all matters related to government programs that impact the municipalities under its jurisdiction; the legislative recommendations that are necessary to achieve solutions and attain integrated and harmonious development in said jurisdiction; and the services that these municipal governments provide to their citizens.

"Likewise, it will have jurisdiction over all matters related to the investigation and accountability of all state and federal fund allocations assigned to agencies and public corporations intended to directly impact or affect municipalities under its jurisdiction; in addition, over any other entity that receives public funds or incentives, whether from federal allocations, municipal improvements, intergovernmental transfers, and specific budget allocations within its jurisdiction, whether for infrastructure, social welfare programs, community initiatives, among others that directly impact the populations of the municipalities under the Committee's jurisdiction; evaluation of the implementation of the programs for which public funds were allocated; performance audits of government and municipal programs that directly impact the populations under its jurisdiction, which operate programs with federal funds, emphasizing field investigations and the subpoenaing of regional directors of the entities that implement said funds; and over any matter delegated to it by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives or its Speaker" (committee website, translated by AI).

Joint Committee of the Legislative Assembly for the Continuous Review of the Penal Code and for the Reform of Criminal Laws

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee of the Legislative Assembly for the Review of the Electoral System of Puerto Rico

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee on Public-Private Partnerships of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee for the Revision of the Civil Code

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee for the Review and Implementation of Administrative Regulations

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee on Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate Change

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Committee on Special Reports of the Comptroller

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Joint Special Committee for Legislative Funds for Community Impact

Website

Membership available on website.

Jurisdiction

Not available on website.

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, Banking, Commerce, Insurance, and Cooperativism

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate of Puerto Rico's Economic Development and Small Business Committee will have jurisdiction to analyze and legislate on all matters related to Act 141-2018, as amended, known as the '2018 Economic Development and Commerce Department Reorganization Plan Implementation Act'; as well as the following laws: the granting of incentives under Act No. 60-2019, as amended, known as the 'Puerto Rico Incentives Code'; Act 62-2014, as amended, known as the 'Microbusiness, Small and Medium Merchant Support Act'; Act 194-2003, as amended, known as the 'Act for the Technological Development of Microbusinesses, Small and Medium Merchants of Cooperative Enterprises'; Act 120-2014, as amended, known as the 'Incentives Act for the Generation and Retention of Employment in SMEs'; Act 135-2014, 'Incentive and Financing Act for Young Entrepreneurs'; Act 22-2012, as amended, known as the 'Act to Incentivize the Relocation of Investor Individuals to Puerto Rico'; Act 14-2004, as amended, known as the 'Act to Incentivize the Puerto Rican Industry'; Act No. 6 of December 15, 1953, as amended, known as the '1954 Puerto Rico Industrial Incentives Act'; and Act No. 188 of May 11, 1942, as amended, known as the 'Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company Act.'

Additionally, it will be responsible for evaluating and establishing legislative measures regarding the public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico aimed at fostering sustainable and cutting-edge economic development for Puerto Rico. It will oversee the implementation of this public policy and evaluate the performance of the Department of Economic Development and Commerce and its affiliated agencies.

Moreover, it will analyze, evaluate, and study both local and international banking, as well as the insurance industry in Puerto Rico, along with the performance of institutions such as the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Economic Development Bank, and other governmental entities that oversee or promote the development of financial institutions in Puerto Rico. This includes, but is not limited to, conducting investigations and studies to define, implement, manage, administer, oversee, and establish public policy on all matters aimed at Puerto Rico's economic development.

The Committee will be responsible for addressing all matters related to the promotion and commercial development of cooperativism as an integral part of Puerto Rico's economic development. This includes investigations and studies to define, implement, manage, administer, oversee, and establish government policy on these topics, as well as technical assistance, training, local marketing, foreign trade, incentives, financing, and any other aspects related to the assigned areas. It will address measures on the inclusion, development, or incentivization of cooperatives in areas such as agriculture, energy, housing, industrial, and worker cooperatives, among others. Lastly, it will attend to all matters related to the development of small and medium-sized businesses by providing tools for their entrepreneurial growth, including training programs, direct technical advice, financing, as well as new business opportunities and competitiveness" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Tourism, Natural, and Environmental Resources

Website

Membership and jurisdiction available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Tourism, Natural Resources, and Environmental Committee of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over all matters related to Act No. 23 of June 20, 1972, as amended, known as the 'Organic Act of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources,' and Act No. 10 of June 18, 1970, as amended, known as the 'Tourism Office Act of the Department of Economic Development and Commerce of the Government of Puerto Rico,' as well as all legislation or regulations related to these matters.

Furthermore, it will be responsible for addressing everything related to the promotion and development of both domestic and international tourism, as well as any initiatives that contribute to the growth of tourism in Puerto Rico. This includes conducting investigations and carrying out the necessary studies to enable a robust public policy in this critical economic sector for Puerto Rico.

Additionally, it will be in charge of studying and analyzing everything related to Puerto Rico's natural resources, such as coastal erosion, land preservation and use, flood control, preservation and use of water reserves, mangroves, forests, fisheries, wildlife, mineral deposits, and the conservation of plant and animal species of ecological or nutritional value. It will address measures to declare or modify existing natural reserves.

It will also be responsible for studies, research, and public policy recommendations on all matters related to pollution and environmental health, solid waste management, and landfills. To that end, it will conduct studies and investigations and recommend public policy on these issues. It will formulate public policy through legislation on health and environmental quality, including, among other things, the sanitation of land, water, and air to ensure optimal quality of life, the control of air emissions, water discharges, and waste on other lands, waste management, and the control and degradation of toxic waste to prevent harm to animal and plant life" (2024 official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Family, Women, the Elderly, and the Population with Diverse Needs

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Family, Women, the Elderly, and the Population with Diverse Needs of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction to evaluate and analyze the Family Book of the Puerto Rico Civil Code, as well as all legislation that regulates or impacts family relations in Puerto Rico and government agencies involved in family matters. It will also encourage services that promote family cohesion and the adoption of minors within our jurisdiction. Similarly, it will address matters related to women, the elderly, and the population with functional diversity. To achieve these goals, it will oversee entities that address issues or matters under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Furthermore, it will be responsible for conducting studies and research to recommend legislation that promotes the full development of women in all areas. Additionally, it will seek to promote the protection and equality of women by reviewing all legislation that affects their rights and will supervise public agencies or private entities whose primary function is the protection of women.

On the other hand, it will be responsible for evaluating all legislation that affects the rights of the elderly to ensure they enjoy an optimal and fulfilling life. To this end, it will review and implement public policy to guarantee the services required by this population, including economic assistance benefits, physical and emotional rehabilitation, nutritional assistance, food provision, housekeeping services, and the facilities at care centers. It will also evaluate all service programs for the elderly offered by Executive Branch agencies and will promote those that benefit this demographic group.

Additionally, it will address matters related to the population with functional diversity, ensuring they have access to essential services that foster the optimal and full development of their abilities. This is fundamental to guaranteeing their inclusion in society and equal opportunities for all individuals.

Similarly, it will be responsible for evaluating and promoting legislation in favor of animal and pet rights. It will review legislation from other states or countries with the goal of promoting the proper care and rights of animal" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Internal Affairs

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate Committee on Internal Affairs will conduct studies on the structure, procedures, administration, budget, and operation of the Senate's parliamentary system, as well as on measures regarding relationships within the Body, the relations between the Senate and the House of Representatives, and with the other branches of government.

It will be involved in the consideration of resolutions and measures to conduct investigations, create special and joint commissions, and address any other legislative matters assigned by the Senate’s regulations or referred by the President. It will resolve conflicts referred to it by the President of the Senate and provide general advice to the President and the Senate on administrative matters" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Planning, Permits, Infrastructure and Urban Development

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate Committee on Planning, Permits, and Infrastructure of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over all matters related to Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, as amended, known as the 'Organic Act of the Puerto Rico Planning Board'; Act 161-2009, as amended, known as the 'Act for the Reform of the Permitting Process of Puerto Rico' and any other legislation or regulations that affect these areas.

It will study and analyze land-use plans and urban development for municipalities based on their specific needs and characteristics. Additionally, it will oversee all processes related to the restructuring of public facilities and infrastructure funded by the Government of Puerto Rico or the Government of the United States of America, whether for routine or emergency projects, including airports, ports, and highways.

The Commission will address the complex challenges of urban development, including studies conducted for the formulation of plans aimed at the harmonious, rational, and orderly use of land, promoting subdivision, urbanization, design, and construction.

Likewise, it will address all matters related to laws and regulations affecting infrastructure development, housing construction, and buildings in Puerto Rico. Its objective in this regard will be to ensure harmony between development and the protection of the environment and natural resources. Additionally, it will promote the reduction of excessive regulations and legislation in the areas of development and construction. Similarly, it will oversee reform processes aimed at simplifying the handling of permits, endorsements, and consultations within government agencies." (official website).

Senate Committee on Labor and Employment Relations

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Labor and Employment Relations Committee will have jurisdiction over all labor-related legislation that is presented. Additionally, it will analyze all existing labor legislation, such as: Act No. 15 of April 14, 1931, as amended, known as the 'Organic Act of the Department of Labor and Human Resources of the Government of Puerto Rico'; Act No. 47-2021, 'Puerto Rico Minimum Wage Act'; Act No. 26-2017, known as the 'Labor Flexibility and Transformation Act'; as well as any other legislation or regulations related to labor matters.

Furthermore, its role will include evaluating working conditions, wages, labor-management relations, training and retraining of workers, existing employment programs, labor counseling services, union training, unemployment and job security, prevention, compensation, and rehabilitation related to workplace accidents, migrant workers, and labor in general. It will also address changes in legislation and working conditions resulting from emergencies or the application and use of new technologies.

The Committee will conduct the necessary investigations to promote forward-thinking legislation in favor of Puerto Rican workers, both in the public and private sectors.Finally, it will play a role in the formulation of public policy in the area of human resources in the public sector. To this end, it will be responsible for ensuring the protection, safety, rights, and guarantees applicable to public employees." (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Municipal Affairs Committee of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction to address matters related to Act 107-2020, as amended, known as the 'Municipal Code of Puerto Rico.'

Additionally, it will ensure the development of robust public policy for the benefit of all municipalities, tailored to their specific needs. It will promote appropriate mechanisms for financing municipal services and public works; protecting the rights of municipal employees; enhancing operational collaboration between municipal governments and state agencies, as well as among municipal governments themselves. It will oversee matters related to municipal consortia and the promotion and development of municipal autonomy to address issues affecting municipalities promptly.

The Commission will formulate proposals aimed at the comprehensive development of Puerto Rico's municipalities in areas such as economic, urban, and rural development; employment; environment; recreation; electrical and water services; agricultural programs and projects; tourism programs; transportation; housing; recovery and restructuring; public safety and protection; recycling, among others" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Implementation of the People's Mandate for the Resolution of the Status

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Commission on Federal Relations and Implementation of the People's Mandate for the Resolution of the Status of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction to address all matters where federal legislation affects the functioning of the Government of Puerto Rico. Additionally, it will handle all issues related to Puerto Rico's political status. It will intervene in all legislative actions concerning

federal or state executive and legislative initiatives and proposals that have any impact on Puerto Rico. Furthermore, it will oversee matters related to the acquisition, disbursement, and administration of reconstruction, restructuring, and recovery funds for municipalities, as well as Puerto Rico's federal relations with the United States.

The Commission may request the Senate's participation in cases or matters before federal, local, state, or international judicial forums as necessary to ensure the full political rights and benefits of Puerto Rico residents as American citizens.

Additionally, it will ensure that all dependencies of the Government of Puerto Rico comply with the public policy supporting decolonization, as endorsed by the People in the last four plebiscites held in 2012, 2017, 2020, and 2024.

The Commission will oversee the work, organization, and delivery of services mandated by law to the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA) and all offices and activities of the Government of Puerto Rico and its dependencies located outside the territorial limits of Puerto Rico. Similarly, it will be tasked with establishing ties with federal agencies, officials, organizations, and programs that directly or indirectly impact the functioning of the Government of Puerto Rico or its citizens.

It will also have the authority to address, investigate, identify, and file claims with the relevant entities regarding any discriminatory treatment of American citizens residing in Puerto Rico resulting from any federal law, regulation, ordinance, or administrative action. Additionally, it will analyze the holding of elections, plebiscites, referendums, or any other consultations with the people, as well as other general matters of the State Government not assigned to other commissions" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications, Public Utilities, and Consumer Affairs

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Commission on Transportation and Telecommunications of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over matters related to Act No. 74 of June 23, 1965, as amended, known as the 'Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority Act'; Act No. 33 of May 25, 1972, as amended, known as the 'Traffic Safety Commission Act'; Act 213-1996, as amended, known as the 'Puerto Rico Telecommunications Act of 1996'; Act No. 22-2000, known as the 'Puerto Rico Vehicle and Traffic Act'; as well as any other laws or regulations related to these matters.

Additionally, it will analyze the research, planning, financing, programming, design, construction, and use of roadway systems and public transportation; parking and transit facilities; roadway safety; bridges and access roads; transportation studies; new methods of state and local transportation; public works, public roads, and maritime or air transportation facilities.

Furthermore, it will address any matters under the jurisdiction of the Puerto Rico Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO) that directly or indirectly affect consumers in areas such as pricing, rental rates, tariffs, product offers and quality; competition, monopolies, installment sales, financing, and credit; warranties, weights and measures; deceptive practices; advertisements and publicity; and consumer services provided by the government or private entities.

The Commission may hold public hearings to listen to citizens about their experiences contracting home improvement and construction services for residences and businesses, as well as electrical and plumbing installations and repairs, roof waterproofing, and all types of home and commercial services. It will also study the impact of federal legislation on the high cost of living in Puerto Rico" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Housing and Social Welfare

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Housing and Social Welfare Committee of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over all matters related to the formulation of public policy aimed at providing diverse types of housing that

meet the necessary health and structural integrity standards in Puerto Rico. It will also be responsible for investigating and analyzing current public policy to address the lack of affordable housing in Puerto Rico and will propose appropriate planning and proper land use for the development and construction of affordable housing. To this end, it will address matters related to properties declared public nuisances or abandoned, construction material costs, and the use of reconstruction funds for housing programs and projects.

The Commission will work to promote legislation that encourages mechanisms and incentives to involve the private sector in housing development, including issues related to permitting and land inventory. Additionally, it will promote financial assistance for self-management projects aimed at the construction or rehabilitation of homes for families, public housing, low-income communities, and special communities.

Furthermore, the Commission will be responsible for promoting legislation on all matters related to the development, operation, and oversight of social welfare services for individuals, families, and their communities. It will also oversee public agencies whose primary role is to promote community development, encourage the growth of this sector, and provide the necessary economic and technical tools to stimulate citizens' active involvement in improving the quality of life in their communities. It will also address legislation related to the Office of the Citizen’s Advocate (Ombudsman).

Additionally, the Commission will be responsible for promoting legislation on all matters related to the development, operation, and oversight of social welfare services for individuals, families, and communities. It will conduct studies and investigations to foster legislation aimed at human development, well-being, and quality of life. Similarly, the Commission will address all matters related to the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of individuals with mental health issues, addictive disorders, or substance dependence" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Education, Art, and Culture

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Education, Art, and Culture Commission of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over Act 85-2018, as amended, known as the 'Puerto Rico Education Reform Act'; Act No. 1 of January 20, 1966, as amended, known as the 'University of Puerto Rico Act'; and any other law related to education in Puerto Rico.

Additionally, it will be responsible for formulating public policy on education for the Government of Puerto Rico and its curriculum to ensure a high-quality education that provides equal opportunities for all Puerto Rican youth.

It will also address all matters related to special education programs and services for children and youth in the public education system, including those programs offered through private entities, community organizations, and nonprofit entities under collaboration agreements or contracts with the Puerto Rico Department of Education.

Furthermore, it will oversee regulations, accreditation, and the creation of conditions that inspire and improve teaching professionals; the planning and construction of public works and the acquisition of equipment that fosters better education; the development of supplementary services to enhance and improve instruction; the emphasis on specialized education programs; and the accreditation of private schools and institutions.

The Commission will be involved in the processes of transformation and innovation of the university system, as well as legislation aimed at addressing the accreditation, management, administration, research, and teaching within higher education institutions on the Island, both public and private, including the provision of facilities and equipment, as well as scholarships and financial aid for students.

It will promote the use of information and communication technologies in educational systems, as well as bilingual education. It will have jurisdiction over any changes to the organizational structure of the Department of Education and any of its affiliated agencies or entities related to the educational process.

The Commission will also be responsible for formulating policy to encourage the development and cultivation of the arts, the preservation of values that unite us as a community, as well as those that connect us to the wider world, the dissemination of culture, the continuous and diverse presentation of artistic programs of all kinds, aesthetics, and the preservation of historical sites and areas.

It will have jurisdiction over artistic and cultural exchanges between Puerto Rico and other jurisdictions nationally and worldwide; public art, artistic and cultural events and activities; theater, film, radio, and television. It will maintain supervision and a direct relationship with all governmental agencies, public and private organizations that promote and are related to art and culture" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Ethics

Ethics Committee

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Ethics Commission of the Senate of Puerto Rico shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to Act No. 1-2012, as amended, known as the 'Organic Law of the Office of Government Ethics of Puerto Rico,' as well as all matters related to the Ethics Regulations of the Senate of Puerto Rico, which apply to all Senate employees and Senators.

Additionally, it will evaluate all legislative measures aimed at preventing or addressing government fraud, nepotism, and any other unethical practices that may exist in the entities of the Government of Puerto Rico, including its municipalities. This Commission, either on its own initiative or at the request of the President or Secretary of the Senate, will handle any referrals regarding violations of laws, regulations, ordinances, administrative orders, or Senate rules by any of its Senators, employees, or contractors.

Likewise, this Commission will investigate allegations made against officials, employees, and elected members of the Senate of Puerto Rico concerning possible legal violations or actions contrary to the corresponding Code of Ethics. In this way, it will investigate cases of conflicts of interest among members of this Legislative Branch and allegations regarding the illegal use of public funds or the use of state property for personal benefit. In this context, it will establish and enforce behavioral standards applicable to the officials and employees of the Legislature, for which it will encourage citizen participation.

Similarly, it will offer recommendations to ensure sound governance by promoting legislation focused on eradicating government corruption and overseeing the exercise of public power, as mandated by the Constitution.

The Commission will be responsible for evaluating and implementing the Senate’s Code of Ethics, ensuring compliance, and investigating any violations of this regulation or any other unethical or illegal schemes that undermine public order or the rights of citizens.

To these ends, the Commission will be responsible for investigating, recommending legislation based on its reports, summoning witnesses, ordering the production of evidence, and taking any other measures within its scope of action to promote integrity within the Legislative Assembly. The Commission will recommend to the Senate, whenever deemed necessary, that relevant situations be referred to the appropriate agencies for immediate attention, with the aim of minimizing adverse effects on sound public administration or the prescription of civil, criminal, or administrative actions. In short, it will promote effective legislation aimed at establishing preventive mechanisms to ensure honest, integral, and transparent public administration" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Government

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Government Commission shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to the creation, modification, performance, division, consolidation, integration, and elimination of agencies of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; legislation affecting the Office of the Governor and the governmental offices, departments, and agencies, except those of a tax-related nature or those specifically assigned to other commissions by this Resolution; residency processes; legislation related to personnel laws and government in general; the evaluation and recommendation for the confirmation or rejection of officials whose appointments require confirmation by the House of Representatives; improving the management of government digitization in public administration; achieving an optimal level of efficiency through the maximization of information and communication technologies;

facilitating the exchange of information between government entities and the public; promoting access to government information; general legislation impacting the state government that has not been assigned to other commissions; and any other matter delegated to it by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico or its President" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Commission on Planning, Permits, Infrastructure and Urban Development

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Planning, Permits and Infrastructure Committee of the Senate of Puerto Rico shall have jurisdiction to address all matters related to Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, as amended, known as, "Organic Act of the Planning Board of Puerto Rico"; Act 161-2009, as amended, known as, "Law for the Reform of the Permit Process of Puerto Rico" and all other legislation or regulations that affect these matters.

He will study and analyze the land-use plans and urban development of municipalities according to the needs and particularities of each one. Furthermore, he will understand all processes related to the restructuring of public facilities and infrastructure that receive funds and resources from the Government of Puerto Rico or the Government of the United States of America as a result of ordinary or emergency projects, including airports, ports, and highways.

It will address the complex issues of urban development, including studies conducted for the formulation of plans aimed at the harmonious, rational and orderly use of land, so as to promote subdivision, urbanization, design and construction.

It will also oversee all matters related to laws and regulations affecting infrastructure development, housing construction, and building construction in Puerto Rico. Its objective in this regard will be to ensure harmony between development and the protection of our environment and natural resources. Furthermore, it will promote the reduction of excessive regulations and legislation in the area of development and construction. Similarly, it will be involved in reform processes to simplify the

processing of permits, endorsements, and consultations with government agencies." (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Judiciary Commission of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction to analyze all legislation of a criminal nature, including special criminal laws, as well as the Puerto Rico Penal Code, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Rules of Evidence. It will conduct a legal study of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Rules of Civil Procedure and will recommend to its peers the necessary legislation to amend these.

It will review and analyze the public policy of the Department of Justice and the services it provides, including issues such as antitrust matters, confiscations, and the protection of crime victims. Additionally, it will address matters related to the Property Registry and its functioning. Lastly, it will conduct a study of the Constitution of Puerto Rico to propose amendments to it, if necessary." (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Youth, Recreation, and Sports

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Commission on Youth, Recreation, and Sports will have jurisdiction over all matters aimed at promoting the rights and benefits of Puerto Rican youth, as well as all matters related to Recreation and Sports in Puerto Rico. In this context, it must conduct a detailed analysis of Act 8-2004, as amended, known as the 'Organic Law of the Department of Recreation and Sports of Puerto Rico,' and all legislation that impacts Puerto Rican sports.

It will analyze public policy related to recreation and sports in Puerto Rico to propose necessary changes aimed at protecting athletes and fostering their full development. The Commission will promote sports as an essential aspect of a healthy life and encourage community development through sports and recreation in Puerto Rico, while fostering the active and consistent participation of athletes in local, national, and international events.

It will address physical education programs in public schools and the development of high-performance athletes. It will study measures and programs for planning and constructing sports or recreational facilities and ensure their optimal preservation.

Finally, it will be responsible for all matters related to the public policy established for the development and well-being of youth. It will conduct a study of all youth service programs currently available in Puerto Rico’s government agencies. Additionally, it will oversee all legislation related to the youth demographic in Puerto Rico, including programs, services, and facilities" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Innovation, Reform and Appointments

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Innovation, Reform, and Appointments Committee will have jurisdiction over legislative measures related to the restructuring and reengineering of the government apparatus. It will also address matters related to tax reforms, public debt, strategic projects, and legislation that impacts the economic and social development of Puerto Rico.

It will also ensure the proper, optimal, and timely use of all funds allocated for recovery, resilience, redevelopment, and the development of reconstruction projects, recovery efforts, or emergency declarations, whether from state or federal sources, for works, projects, or services within our jurisdiction. Furthermore, it may address programmatic projects of the Governor or those that advance the public policy of the Government Plan.

Furthermore, it will promote the study of the local judicial system, with the purpose of strengthening its institutional framework and addressing the barriers to its proper functioning in accordance with the constitutional precepts that frame the delicate and important judicial function. This also aims to guarantee access to justice for all Puerto Ricans.

Likewise, in exercising its function of giving consent on appointments, it may evaluate and recommend to the Senate on any appointment that, by constitutional or legal mandate, requires the consent of the Senate of Puerto Rico.

It will be able to understand matters relating to the right of self-determination of the People of Puerto Rico and the political status of our Island, including any action aimed at having Congress legislate a process of self-determination consistent with the scope of a constitutionally viable and non-territorial permanent status form.

In carrying out its functions, the Commission will promote compliance with federal law, as well as with federal agreements and requirements, by the administrative agencies under its jurisdiction and the entities it serves. It will also ensure that the actions of administrative agencies are consistent with best practices implemented at the federal level and in sister jurisdictions.

The Commission will promote compliance with federal law, as well as agreements and requirements of federal agencies, by the administrative agencies under its jurisdiction and in the matters they address. Likewise, it will ensure that the actions of administrative agencies are consistent with best practices implemented at the federal level and in sister jurisdictions.

This Commission may consider any matter referred by the President or the Secretary of the Senate, even in cases where there is concurrent jurisdiction with another Commission" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Science, Technology and Artificial Intelligence

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Science, Technology and Artificial Intelligence Commission of the Senate of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over all matters related to Act 75-2019, known as, "Puerto Rico Innovation and Technology Service Act" (PRITS), Artificial Intelligence, Biotechnology and Aerospace Industry matters.

It will also promote an effective link between higher education policies and programs and science in order to lay the foundations for an innovation system that drives the economic and social development of Puerto Rico through science.

It will conduct studies aimed at promoting and encouraging the scientific community of Puerto Rico in its development and research, as well as promoting and enacting legislation aimed at complying with the public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico on the development of the aviation industry" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Rules and Calendars

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate Rules and Calendar Committee will be responsible for preparing the Calendar of Special Orders of the Day and, once authorized by the President of the Senate, will submit it electronically to the Senate Secretariat. It will also initiate, in conjunction with the Secretariat, the process of distributing the Calendar of Special Orders of the Day.

He will supervise the work of the committees to ensure compliance with the agenda, meeting schedule, and relevant measures for compliance with the special order schedules.

The Secretary will receive reports on legislative measures submitted to the Secretariat and prepare recommendations for amendments to the electronic summaries accompanying the report. These recommendations will be submitted to the Secretariat, and the Secretary will inform the Body of the amendments recommended by the Committee. It will be the responsibility of the Chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee to submit the amendments for the Body's consideration when the measure

is included in the Calendar of Special Orders of the Day.

It will notify the Committees of the receipt of amendments introduced by the House of Representatives to measures originating in the Senate (enrolled). It will assist the Committees in determining whether to concur with the amendments or to suggest the creation of Conference Committees in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

The Committee shall perform the functions specifically assigned to it by the Senate Rules of Procedure, and shall govern any debate under the Special Rules. These Rules shall take effect from the moment the Senate is notified of the Committee's report containing the transcribed Rules, thereby rendering any existing regulations governing debates null and void" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Commission on Health

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate Health Commission of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction over all legislation or matters related to healthcare services and hospital systems, access to medical services, healthcare professions, medical plans, and public and private entities that provide or regulate health services of any kind to the Puerto Rican population.

It will continuously examine the performance, operations, and policies of the Department of Health, as well as all other public agencies and instrumentalities related to healthcare services, including entities that operate or manage insurance or medical or healthcare plans.

The Commission will review and analyze the public health policy of the Government of Puerto Rico and recommend necessary changes. Additionally, it will be responsible for studying and analyzing the public and private infrastructure of medical-hospital facilities for diagnosis and treatment operated by the Government of Puerto Rico. It will have the authority to investigate all matters related to the provision of healthcare services in government-owned medical-hospital facilities and their instrumentalities, including medical education programs and other health-related professions, as well

as private institutions.

The Commission’s responsibility extends to professions that provide any health service, medical-hospital services, diagnostic and treatment services, agencies or instrumentalities that collect vital statistics, institutions conducting research and developing new technologies in the health field, industries producing medicines, drugs, and prosthetic devices, as well as those distributing and selling them. It also includes oversight of potable water services of all kinds, sanitary sewer systems, occupational health, mental health (including public and private agencies combating alcoholism and other addictions), the effects and consequences of the privatization and sale of healthcare services and facilities, and the current situation of medically indigent patients—in short, health in general.

Finally, the Commission will be responsible for promoting the development of a healthy lifestyle based on the study of the nutrition of the Puerto Rican people" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committeeon Public Safety and Veterans Affairs

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Senate Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee of Puerto Rico will have jurisdiction to evaluate and analyze all binding legislation related to Act 20-2017, as amended, known as the 'Department of Public Safety Act of Puerto Rico'; Act 203-2017, as amended, known as the 'New Bill of Rights of the 21st-Century Puerto Rican Veteran'; as well as any other law affecting the public safety of the Puerto Rican people.

The Committee will be responsible for introducing and evaluating legislation concerning government agencies dedicated to maintaining public order and serving as the first line of response in emergencies, such as the Puerto Rico Police Department, the Fire Department, the Emergency Medical Corps, the National Guard, the 9-1-1 Emergency System, the Bureau of Special Investigations, and the Institute of Forensic Sciences.

It will evaluate all public policy on Public Safety for the Government of Puerto Rico and recommend necessary changes. Similarly, it will have jurisdiction over all matters concerning emergency

management and disaster administration. The Commission will evaluate and draft legislation aimed at the proper administration of the correctional system, the safety and access to adequate healthcare for inmates, as well as their right to effective rehabilitation. It will also have jurisdiction over the Parole Board.

The Committee will address all veterans' affairs related to the Office of the Veterans Advocate, including the operation of the Veterans Home and any other law, program, or service structure for veterans administered by the Government of Puerto Rico. Additionally, it will analyze the rights veterans receive, such as pensions, educational benefits, access to medical services, physical rehabilitation, home loan programs, tax exemptions for employment, among others" (official website, translated by AI).

Senate Committee on Agriculture

Website

Membership, jurisdiction, committee regulations, and legislative measures available on website.

Jurisdiction

"The Agriculture Committee of the Senate of Puerto Rico shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to agriculture and that are related to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of July 26, 2010, as amended, known as, "2010 Reorganization Plan of the Department of Agriculture"; Act No. 26 of April 12, 1941, as amended, known as, "Puerto Rico Land Act"; Act No. 12 of December 12, 1966, as amended, known as, "Puerto Rico Agricultural Insurance Act"; as well as any law or regulation that affects matters of agriculture in Puerto Rico.

The Commission shall evaluate all existing programs and services that serve the agricultural and livestock industry in order to define, implement, administer, supervise, and rectify public policy, if necessary, regarding it.

It will also extend to agricultural experimentation and research, the promotion and encouragement of production, mechanization where possible and convenient, the industrialization of processes, the wage policy for agricultural work, marketing, distribution, education, capitalization, the provision of credit, financing and loans for desirable agricultural activities; the provision and development of

works, including housing and public services in rural areas that stimulate and improve the living conditions of the farmer and the agricultural worker and that promote integrated rural development, capable of offering the residents of rural areas the best possible quality of life" (official website, translated by AI).