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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING SPECIAL HOUSE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS  
AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Abney, Carson, Speakman,  
Cortvriend, Knight, and McEntee

Date Introduced: April 16, 2021

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

1           WHEREAS, The Coastal Resources Management Council is a management agency with  
2 the regulatory functions “whose primary responsibility is for the preservation, protection,  
3 development and where possible the restoration of the coastal areas of the state, which extends  
4 out to the extent of the state’s jurisdiction in the territorial sea, via the authority given in state law  
5 and through implantation of its integrated and comprehensive coastal management plans”; and

6           WHEREAS, A reorganization of the CRMC and its operations and management  
7 procedures could provide increased efficiencies, opportunities, and protection of our coastal  
8 resources; now, therefore be it

9           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
10 consisting of fifteen (15) members; five (5) of whom shall be members of the House of  
11 Representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the  
12 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of Save the Bay, or designee;  
13 one of whom shall be the Town Administrator of Jamestown, or designee; one of whom shall be  
14 the Chair of the Warwick Planning Committee, or designee; one of whom shall be the City  
15 Manager of Newport, or designee; one of whom shall be President of R.I. Shell Fisherman’s  
16 Association, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the R.I. Saltwater Angler’s  
17 Association, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Dean of the  
18 University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, or designee; one of whom shall be  
19 the Executive Director of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, or designee; and two (2) of

1 whom shall be a members of the general public, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

2 In lieu of any appointment of the legislature to a permanent advisory commission, a  
3 legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly resolution, the  
4 appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator  
5 provided that the majority leader or minority leader of the political party which is entitled to the  
6 appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

7 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of, and provide  
8 recommendations for, the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management  
9 Council.

10 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
11 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize. The Speaker of the House shall select one  
12 member to serve as chairperson of the commission.

13 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner of the original appointment.  
14 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

15 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish information, advice, documentary,  
16 and otherwise to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the  
17 commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

18 The Speaker of the House is authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for said  
19 commission; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
21 General Assembly on or before April 1, 2022, and said commission shall expire on May 15, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special legislative commission to  
2 study the effects and procedures for the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources  
3 Management Council (CRMC), and who would report back to the General Assembly no later  
4 than April 1, 2022, and whose life would expire on May 15, 2022.

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