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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Rogers, and DeLuca

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is
- 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 <u>39-1-33.1. Report on electrification.</u>

- 4 The public utilities commission shall produce a report by January 1, 2025 and each January
- 5 <u>1 thereafter, containing an analysis of the electric grid and its ability and/or capacity to handle the</u>
- 6 electrification load needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state. Said
- 7 report shall be provided to the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the governor.
- 8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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1 This act would require the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by 2 January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability of the current electric grid to handle 3 the electrification load needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state and 4 provide the report to the speaker of the house, the senate president and the governor. 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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