WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, the majority of waste management functions are vested in two agencies: R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). Resource Recovery’s major responsibility is developing and operating facilities and programs for solid waste management and recycling; and

WHEREAS, A waste audit is a method/survey for analyzing a facility's waste stream. The goal is to identify what is being thrown away, what is being recycled or diverted through other means, and the amounts of each type (paper, plastic, food etc.) by weight or volume that are produced within a given timeframe; and

WHEREAS, Waste audits can reveal costly, wasteful problems and verifies what is being thrown away, and the associated costs monetarily and environmentally; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests the Rhode Island Resource and Recovery Corporation to conduct a recycling/waste audit on the Rhode Island State House, provide recommendations for a waste reduction strategy, and report back to the House on or before December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this House hereby further requests that the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services in conjunction with RIRRC and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) investigates the installation of water filling
stations and the installation of electric car chargers in the State House parking lots, in order to reduce the use of plastic water bottles and to meet the carbon emission goals of the Act on Climate, and who would report back to the House on or before December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Resource and Recovery Corporation, the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.

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