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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Casey, Fogarty, McEntee, Morales, Craven, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: April 13, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, President Biden recently announced a goal to shift the country from less  
2 dependence on chemical and petroleum derived fertilizers for lawns and crops and embark on a  
3 greater utilization of fully organic green technologies; and

4 WHEREAS, In order for the State of Rhode Island to capture its fair share in this new  
5 Green centered economic opportunity, the University of Rhode Island would need economic  
6 assistance to enable it to become a leader in the knowledge of such technologies; and

7 WHEREAS, Half of the one million dollars in requested funds would be utilized by URI  
8 to rent a temporary modular system for the testing and research for a period of six months to a  
9 year. The other half of the funds would be used to fund internal salaries, internships and expenses  
10 related to demonstrating and validation of the technology that will process restaurant and or  
11 seaweed into a natural organic soil microbe that will reduce the need for commercial nitrogen and  
12 phosphorus; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes the country's shift to  
14 embark on a greater utilization of fully green technologies related to fertilizers for lawns and crop  
15 production and sustainability; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes that the University of  
17 Rhode Island is on the forefront of programs relating, but not limited to, Sustainable Agriculture  
18 and Food Systems as well as the programs related to Plant Sciences and Entomology; and be it  
19 further

1           RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes the importance of  
2 supporting the University of Rhode Island's efforts to be on the forefront of innovation, through  
3 funding to be utilized by the University of Rhode Island's appropriate department(s) to identify,  
4 research and test technologies related to fully organic green technologies related to fertilizers for  
5 lawns and crop production and sustainability as well as the processing of restaurant food waste  
6 and or seaweed in to a natural organic soil microbe that will reduce the need for commercial  
7 nitrogen and phosphorus; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
9 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)  
10 to the University of Rhode Island to expand the state's economic opportunities in Regenerative  
11 Agriculture Technologies; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his  
12 orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from  
13 time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the
- 2 University of Rhode Island to expand the state's economic opportunities in Regenerative
- 3 Agriculture Technologies.

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