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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson

Date Introduced: April 28, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, On April 14, 2021, the 2021 Act on Climate was signed into law,
2 establishing a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate and setting mandatory,
3 enforceable climate emissions reduction goals; and

4 WHEREAS, The Act on Climate requires state agencies to identify and facilitate
5 opportunities to educate the public about climate change and efforts throughout state agencies and
6 municipalities to address climate change; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition, the Act requires state agencies to identify strategies and
8 opportunities to prepare Rhode Islanders for these effects, including strategies and opportunities
9 that incentivize businesses, institutions, and industry to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of
10 climate change, and requires state agencies to work with municipalities to support the
11 development of sustainable and resilient communities; and

12 WHEREAS, In order to effect these mandates, a customized and statewide public
13 relations and communications plan needs to be developed under the direction of the Director of
14 DEM in consultation with the EC4 members. The plan would be required to be completed by
15 June 30, 2023, and must be an inclusive process with targeted audiences being Rhode Island
16 businesses, property owners, municipalities and the environmental justice communities across the
17 State; and

18 WHEREAS, The Plan will clearly articulate the statewide goals and mandates of the Act
19 on Climate through the development of a concise message and logo, provide clear information on

1 the urgency of the impacts of climate change on RI, and provide opportunities for climate
2 resilience and sustainability programs directly to all Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
4 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$150,000) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to create a
6 customized and statewide public relations and communications plan to incentivize businesses,
7 institutions, and municipalities, require state agencies to work with municipalities to support the
8 development of sustainable and resilient communities, and develop a concise message and logo,
9 that provides clear information on the urgency of the impacts of climate change, as well as
10 opportunities for climate resilience and sustainability programs directly to all Rhode Islanders;
11 and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general
12 treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required,
13 upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Rhode
- 2 Island Department of Environmental Management for the creation of a public relations and
- 3 communications plan.

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