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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO CONNECT GREATER NEWPORT

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, and Carson

Date Introduced: April 29, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

1 WHEREAS, Connect Greater Newport is the regional economic development division of 2 the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The current pandemic has created myriad economic and technical difficulties for Newport's local business community; and 4

WHEREAS, Connect Greater Newport has worked as an intermediary on programs and the dissemination of information issued by the Commerce Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Funding is essential in order to continue to provide technical assistance, coordinate policy and program priorities, and identify/develop high-priority projects to support economic development for local vulnerable businesses; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Connect Greater Newport to provide for staffing and capacity support within the region to support the broader business community with technical and navigation assistance; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$ 200,000 to Connect

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