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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY
RESOURCES TO FUND GRANTS FOR SOLAR CANOPY (OR SOLAR CARPORT)
PROJECTS

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, Ujifusa, Lauria, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Solar carports are overhead canopies built of steel that support solar panels
2 which collect sunlight, offering a more efficient and unobtrusive way to gather a renewable clean
3 energy source; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's 2022-23 fiscal year ended with a surplus of more than \$600
5 million; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of the surplus funds in the treasury
7 not otherwise appropriated from the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of one million five hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to The Office of Energy Resources to review and approve grants in
9 the amount of up two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per expected kilowatt generated for solar canopy
10 (or solar carport) projects that are designed to generate fifty kilowatts (50kw) or greater; and the
11 state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for
12 the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt
13 of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This joint resolution would authorize an appropriation of \$1,500,000 out of the 2022-
- 2 2023 budget surplus to review and approve grants in the amount of up \$2,000 per expected
- 3 kilowatt generated for solar canopy (or solar carport) projects.

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