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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,600,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING NAVIGATION RESOURCES**

Introduced By: Senators Mack, and Kallman

Date Introduced: March 27, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           WHEREAS, According to the New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve  
2 Bank of Boston, Rhode Island saw 3.3 eviction filings per 100 renter households in 2021, the  
3 highest rate of filings of any state in the region; and

4           WHEREAS, Eviction Lab reports that the eviction filing rate in Rhode Island is more  
5 than double that of Boston, and the eviction rate in Providence is roughly three times that of  
6 Boston; and

7           WHEREAS, An initial commitment of \$3.1 million supported legal assistance and  
8 housing navigation resources that assisted in the prevention of evictions and reduced costs  
9 associated with households entering homelessness; and

10          WHEREAS, The initial appropriation has shown substantial results, and this  
11 appropriation of \$1.6 million would support this work on an ongoing basis; now, therefore be it

12          RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not  
13 otherwise appropriated for the 2024-2025 fiscal budget, the sum of one million six hundred  
14 thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) to the Department of Housing to continue support for legal  
15 assistance and housing navigation resources which will prevent evictions and reduce costs  
16 associated with households entering homelessness; and the state controller is hereby authorized  
17 and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so

- 1 much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated
- 2 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,600,000 to the Rhode
- 2 Island Department of Housing.

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