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#### STATE OFRHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

### AN ACT

## RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, and Paolino

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is
- 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 39-1-33.1. Report on electrification.
- 4 The public utilities commission shall produce a report by January 1, 2026 and each January
- 5 1 thereafter, containing an analysis of the electric grid and its ability and/or capacity to handle the
- electrification load needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state. Said 6
- 7 report shall be provided to the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the governor.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage. 8

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# **EXPLANATION**

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would require the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by 2 January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability of the current electric grid to handle 3 the electrification load needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state and 4 provide the report to the speaker of the house, the senate president and the governor. 5 This act would take effect upon passage. LC000348