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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND AMENDING THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE
FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE
PAWTUXET RIVER

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Noret, Cotter, and Paplauskas

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 RESOLVED, That the special legislative commission created by resolution No. 318
2 passed by the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2025, and approved May 20,
3 2025, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE
4 COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO
5 ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER" is hereby authorized to continue
6 its study and make a report to the House of Representatives on or before March 5, 2027, and said
7 commission shall expire on June 2, 2027; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the time for reporting authorized by resolution No. 318 passed by the
9 House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2025, and approved May 20, 2025, be and
10 the same is hereby rescinded; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the composition of said house commission is hereby increased by
12 amending the membership as follows: The composition of said house commission is hereby
13 increased from eleven (11) members to thirteen (13) members by replacing the District Engineer
14 Commander of the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the Chief of the
15 West Warwick Fire Department, or designee; by replacing the Acting Regional Administrator for
16 FEMA, Region 1 with the Assistant Town Manager of Coventry, or designee; by adding an
17 additional business owner in a potential flood zone area, to be appointed by the Speaker of the

1 House; and by adding the Rhode Island Energy Executive Engineer, or designee.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would amend and increase the membership of the commission to address
2 flooding of the Pawtuxet River from eleven (11) to thirteen (13), and would extend the reporting
3 date from March 2, 2026, to March 5, 2027, and expire on June 2, 2027.

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