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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Roberts, Newberry, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, and Fascia

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-26.6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-26.6 entitled "The
2 Renewable Energy Growth Program" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-26.6-2. Renewable energy growth program established.**

4 To carry out these purposes, a tariff-based, renewable energy distributed-generation
5 financing program, hereinafter referred to as the renewable energy growth program, is hereby
6 established with the intention of continuing the development of renewable energy distributed
7 generation in the load zone of the electric distribution company at reasonable cost. The program
8 shall be designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of renewable energy
9 distributed-generation projects over five (5) years through a performance-based incentive system
10 that is designed to achieve specified megawatt targets at reasonable cost through competitive
11 processes. The renewable energy growth program shall be implemented by the electric distribution
12 company, and guided by the distributed-generation board, in consultation with the office of energy
13 resources, subject to the review and supervision of the commission: provided, however, that any
14 tariffs, costs or other mandates imposed under §§ 39-26.6-5, 39-26.6-6, 39-26.6-13, 39-26.6-18 or
15 39-26.6-25 shall be subject to review and approval by the general assembly.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require that any costs, tariffs or other mandates related to the state's
- 2 renewable energy growth program be reviewed and approved by the general assembly.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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