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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT BE CONDUCTED  
ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE WHICH PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Boylan, Cortvriend,  
Speakman, Spears, and Cotter

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1        WHEREAS, A waste audit is a method/survey for analyzing a facility's waste stream.  
2        The goal is to identify what is being thrown away, what is being recycled or diverted through  
3        other means, what can be composted and/or recovered, and the amounts of each type (paper,  
4        plastic, food etc.) by weight or volume that are produced within a given timeframe; and

5        WHEREAS, Waste audits can reveal costly, wasteful problems and verifies what is being  
6        thrown away, and the associated costs monetarily and environmentally; now, therefore be it

7        RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
8        conducts a recycling/waste audit on the Rhode Island State House, provides recommendations for  
9        a waste reduction strategy, and reports back to the House on or before January 5, 2027; and be it  
10      further

11       RESOLVED, That this House hereby further requests that the Executive Director of the  
12      Joint Committee on Legislative Services and the Division of Capital Asset Management and  
13      Maintenance (DCAMM) investigate the installation of water filling stations and the installation of  
14      electric car chargers in the State House parking lots, in order to reduce the use of plastic water  
15      bottles and to meet the carbon emission goals of the Act on Climate, and who would report back  
16      to the House on or before January 5, 2027; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18      transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the  
19      Joint Committee on Legislative Services, and the Division of Capital Asset Management and

1 Maintenance.

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