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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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