

=====  
LC003270  
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

\_\_\_\_\_

A N A C T

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

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, 2027 and each January  
5 1 thereafter, containing an analysis of the electric grid and its ability and/or capacity to handle the  
6 electrification load needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state. The  
7 report shall be provided to the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the governor.  
8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====  
LC003270  
=====

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
A N A C T  
RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

\*\*\*

1           This act would require the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by  
2   January 1, 2027 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.

=====  
LC003270  
=====