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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY  
PROJECTS

Introduced By: Senators Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, Valverde, Rogers, Gu, Urso, Raptakis,  
and LaMountain

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2-10 of the General Laws entitled "State Forests and Forestry  
2 Projects" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **2-10-14. Expansion of department of environmental management personnel.**

4 The general assembly shall appropriate, in the fiscal year 2027 budget, a sum sufficient to  
5 fund ten (10) additional full-time equivalent ("FTE") positions, to be assigned to the department of  
6 environmental management (the "department") as well as fund their necessary equipment and  
7 supplies. It is the intent of the general assembly that these positions be used in part to focus, support,  
8 and expand on the department's efforts in the areas of woodlands, forests, and forestry projects.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would direct the general assembly to appropriate in the fiscal year 2027 budget, a  
2           sum sufficient to fund ten additional full time equivalent ("FTE") positions to be assigned to the  
3           department of environmental management (the "department"), and to fund necessary equipment  
4           and supplies, with the intent to support and expand the department's efforts in the areas of forests  
5           and forestry projects.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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