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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING RHODE ISLAND'S ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REVIEW
THE RECENT INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES BY THE KENT COUNTY WATER
AUTHORITY AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Noret, Bennett, and Solomon

Date Introduced: January 15, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

1 WHEREAS, Government plays an important role in both establishing water utilities to
2 keep the public's water safe and available, and in the protection of consumers' rights to acquire
3 this vital necessity at a financially reasonable rate; and

4 WHEREAS, In October of 2020, customers of the Kent County Water Authority received
5 quarterly bills that far exceeded their previous quarterly billing charges. In one notable incident,
6 the water bill for Centerville Glen Condominium in the City of Warwick, was reportedly an
7 estimated four hundred fifty-five percent higher than its previous quarterly bill with no given
8 reason provided for the increase; and

9 WHEREAS, Numerous requests and inquiries have been issued to the Kent County
10 Water Authority for an investigation and explanation for the increases, but to date, have not been
11 vetted or answered; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 respectfully requests the Rhode Island Attorney General to review the major increase in water
14 charges by the Kent County Water Authority and the Public Utilities Commission and report back
15 to the Rhode Island House of Representatives on or before June 1, 2021; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Attorney General Peter F. Neronha.

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