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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE GWO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AT THE FLANAGAN CAMPUS

Introduced By: Representatives Baginski, and Finkelman

Date Introduced: May 31, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, In partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training,  
2 Rhode Island Commerce, the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council and  
3 Building Futures, and Revolution Wind, the Community College of Rhode Island will establish  
4 the State's first Global Wind Organization (GWO) training certificate program at the Flanagan  
5 campus in Lincoln; and

6 WHEREAS, GWO training -- the international standard for offshore wind safety training  
7 -- provides essential safety training for workers engaged in offshore wind farm construction and  
8 operations; and

9 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 43,000 new jobs will be created  
10 in the offshore wind market by 2030. It is estimated that over the next decade, offshore wind  
11 farms will create as many as 3,000 jobs in New England and generate an economic impact that  
12 could reach \$2 billion regionally; and

13 WHEREAS, The GWO training certificate program will initially certify up to 125 Rhode  
14 Islanders to be eligible to work in the offshore wind industry and will play a key role in  
15 establishing a pipeline of Rhode Island workers to construct the nation's first offshore wind farm  
16 off the coastal waters of Rhode Island; and

17 WHEREAS, In furtherance of establishing the GWO training certificate program, the  
18 Community College of Rhode Island applied for and received a grant of \$500,000 from  
19 Revolution Wind; and

1           WHEREAS, It is necessary and essential for additional funding to be provided to  
2 supplement the grant funds for the purpose of completing the build out projects required to  
3 establish the GWO training certificate program; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
5 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars  
6 (\$400,000) to the Community College of Rhode Island for the build out of the Flanagan Campus  
7 Field House to establish a GWO training certificate program; and the state controller is hereby  
8 authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum,  
9 or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated  
10 vouchers.

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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$400,000 to Community
- 2 College of Rhode Island for a GWO Certification Program at the Flanagan campus.

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