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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RHODE ISLAND
GENERAL LAWS SECTION 36-6-21.1 (2008) A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
INCENTIVES TO INCREASE BUS RIDERSHIP AND REDUCE VEHICLE MILES
TRAVELED BY STATE EMPLOYEES COMMUTING TO WORK

Introduced By: Representatives O`Grady, Handy, Ruggiero, Tomasso, and Reilly

Date Introduced: June 15, 2011

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is dedicated to environmental protection, efficient use of
2 resources, sound fiscal policy, and sustainable development; and

3 WHEREAS, Reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled commuting to work can lead
4 to reductions in air pollution emissions, greenhouse gases, energy consumption, road congestion,
5 and parking shortages; and

6 WHEREAS, Reducing vehicle miles traveled would also lead to lower motor vehicle fuel
7 consumption, keeping more energy dollars that now flow out-of-state inside the state for local
8 consumption and investment; and

9 WHEREAS, A state government plan to reduce "drive alone" commuting and to increase
10 carpooling, transit use, and walk-to-work modes is required; and

11 WHEREAS, Several private employers have recently enrolled in RIPTA's company-
12 sponsored EcoPass unlimited ride pass program; and

13 WHEREAS, Rhode Island general laws section 36-6-21.1 (2008) call upon the Rhode
14 Island Department of Administration to set up a committee to develop, publicize, and implement
15 a plan to give incentives to state employees to reduce vehicle miles traveled in commuting to
16 work; and

17 WHEREAS, Rhode Island general laws section 36-6-21.1 state that the plan will also
18 include an offer of a RIPTA pass to employees in lieu of parking privileges; and

1 WHEREAS, The aforementioned committee has developed a means for determining base
2 values for achieving statutory vehicle miles traveled reduction goals and has determined that such
3 goals can be met if 16 percent of state employees that currently drive alone begin commuting by
4 bus; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Department of
7 Administration report to the committee a recommendation regarding incentives to increase bus
8 ridership and reduce vehicle miles travelled by state employees commuting to work; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
12 Administration.

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