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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING
COUNCIL (EC4) TO PREPARE A REPORT ON BENCHMARKING AND BUILDING
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, Speakman,
McEntee, Spears, Morales, McGaw, and Felix

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 respectfully requests that the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council ("EC4") provides
3 the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives and President of the Rhode Island
4 Senate, and members of the Rhode Island House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,
5 and the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture with a report on benchmarking and
6 building performance standards; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests that said report shall include
8 recommendations for the implementation of benchmarking and building performance standards
9 for large existing buildings in Rhode Island, meaning those with at least 25,000 sq. ft. of gross
10 floor area and including both publicly and privately owned buildings; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That said report shall also include recommended approaches and
12 implementation plans to collect and evaluate the following, but not be limited to:

13 1. A summary of the State's building sector emissions using the best available data on
14 what is known about the energy use intensity and emissions from large buildings;

15 2. An inventory of properties that would be subject to benchmarking and building
16 performance standard requirements, including building type and size;

17 3. A summary of the best available data on current energy sources for large buildings,
18 including delivered fuels such as oil, coal, and propane, natural gas, grid electricity, district
19 energy systems, and on-site renewable energy;

1 4. The estimated costs pertaining to expected retrofits, alterations, and repairs that may be
2 required to comply with the benchmarking program standards;

3 5. Identification of the State agency or agencies with relevant roles and responsibilities to
4 develop and implement benchmarking and performance standards for large buildings;

5 6. An estimation of the staff and other resources, and associated annual budget, needed to
6 develop and implement benchmarking and performance standards for large buildings; and

7 7. A recommended timeline for establishing and implementing benchmarking and
8 performance standards for large buildings; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests that in developing said report,
10 the EC4 is encouraged to hold at least one public meeting in partnership with the Green Buildings
11 Advisory Committee to hear and incorporate stakeholder input, to gather information on these
12 topics, and at least one public listening session to hear feedback on the draft report; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests the Executive Climate Change
15 Coordinating Council to provide the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, members of
16 the Rhode Island House Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and the Senate
17 Committee on Environment and Agriculture said report on benchmarking and building
18 performance standards on or before February 15, 2025. The EC4 shall also make this report
19 available on its website; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Executive Climate Change Coordinating
22 Council.

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