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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY MODELS FOR PAPER AND PACKAGING**

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Handy, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: April 04, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be from the senate, not more than two
3 (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and three (3) of
4 whom shall be from the house of representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political
5 party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house, one shall be the director of the recycling
6 program from the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation or designee; two (2) of whom shall
7 be representatives of environmental interests appointed by the speaker of the house; two (2) of
8 whom shall represent businesses, including an expert on producer responsibility programs for
9 paper and packaging, to be appointed by the senate president.

10 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
11 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a general assembly
12 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
13 of a legislator; provided, that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party
14 which is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general
15 public.

16 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the
17 opportunity to preserve long-term landfill capacity for Rhode Island municipalities by continuing
18 to expand the diversion of paper and packaging through a producer responsibility program.

19 The commission's recommendations shall include, at a minimum: a set of criteria to be

1 used to evaluate paper and packaging materials proposed for product stewardship solutions;
2 methods to identify and monitor progress toward stewardship performance goals for collection
3 and recycling of materials; options to facilitate the creation of industry-managed stewardship
4 management organizations; methods to fund increased diversion of paper and packaging; and
5 structures for agency oversight of a collection and recycling program.

6 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
7 the call of the speaker of the house who shall select a chairperson from among the
8 representatives, and of the senate president, who shall select a co-chairperson from among the
9 senators.

10 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

11 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

12 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
13 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
14 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

15 The joint committee on legislative services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
16 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
18 senate president and the speaker of the house no later than March 1, 2013, and said commission
19 shall expire on June 14, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PRODUCER
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1 This resolution would create a eleven (11) member permanent legislative commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the opportunity to preserve long-
3 term landfill capacity for Rhode Island municipalities by continuing to expand the diversion of
4 paper and packaging through a producer responsibility program in Rhode Island, and who would
5 report to the senate president and the speaker of the house annually, no later than March 1, 2013,
6 and whose life would expire on June 14, 2013.

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