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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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

**URGING GOVERNOR CHAFEE TO REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE AUDIT OF JP MORGAN CHASE REGARDING DEBIT CARD FEES COLLECTED ON STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BENEFITS BY JP MORGAN CHASE**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

1           WHEREAS, The health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island  
2 are matters of paramount importance to the legislature; and

3           WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase provides debit card services for Rhode Island  
4 unemployment, temporary disability insurance, Child Support, and SNAP (food stamp) benefits;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase is a multi-national corporation with no branches in Rhode  
7 Island; and

8           WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase collects debit card fees from Rhode Island businesses and  
9 those receiving unemployment, temporary disability insurance, Child Support, and SNAP  
10 benefits; and

11           WHEREAS, Rhode Island state government should examine the fees that are currently  
12 collected on government benefit funds, fees that are currently collected entirely by JP Morgan  
13 Chase; and

14           WHEREAS, Rhode Island should encourage local small businesses to promote the Rhode  
15 Island economy; and

16           WHEREAS, The contract to administer the state benefits debit card program is currently  
17 JP Morgan Chase; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges Governor Lincoln Chafee to request an

1 immediate audit and review of all debit card fees collected by JP Morgan Chase per the current  
2 contract between the state and JP Morgan Chase; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Governor Lincoln Chafee.

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