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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ENERGY  
RESOURCES ACT

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Gallo, Goldin, Conley, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 08, 2016

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-140 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Energy  
2 Resources Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **42-140-11. Development of alternative fuel markets.** – No later than January 31, 2017,  
4 the office of energy resources shall issue findings and recommendations to the governor and the  
5 general assembly to promote the development of markets for alternative thermal and  
6 transportation fuel, including any statutory and/or regulatory changes. In order to carry out the  
7 requirements of this section, the office of energy resources shall establish a task force and appoint  
8 members thereto representing a balance of interests, including, but not limited to, thermal and  
9 transportation fuel sectors, and the environmental and business communities. The Rhode Island  
10 commerce corporation shall transfer to the office up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the  
11 renewable energy development fund established in §39-26-7 for the purpose of hiring the services  
12 of qualified consultants to carry out the requirements of this section.

13 **42-140-12. Least cost procurement for delivered fuels.** – No later than January 31,  
14 2017, the office of energy resources shall issue findings and recommendations to the governor  
15 and the general assembly on creating a least cost procurement program for delivered fuels,  
16 including any statutory and/or regulatory changes. In order to carry out the requirements of this  
17 section, the office of energy resources shall establish a task force and appoint members thereto  
18 representing a balance of interests, including, but not limited to, delivered fuel sectors, and

1 [environmental and business communities. Up to seventy-five thousand dollars \(\\$75,000\) shall be](#)  
2 [transferred from the demand side management fund established by §39-2-1.2 to the office for the](#)  
3 [purpose of hiring qualified consultants to carry out the requirements of the section.](#)

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require the office of energy resources to assemble task forces to report on  
2 the development of alternative fuel markets and least cost procurement for delivered fuels. The  
3 task force would make findings and recommendations to the governor including any statutory  
4 and/or regulatory change. The act also would provide for funding.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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