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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING TO PROVIDE AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET (OR EQUIVALENT) AND GIS MAP LAYER SHOWING COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES AND TOWNS, AND THE SITES IDENTIFIED IN THE AUGUST 2020 OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES REPORT ENTITLED "SOLAR SITING OPPORTUNITIES IN RHODE ISLAND"

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Ruggiero, Kislak, Cortvriend, and McGaw

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 WHEREAS, With the threat of global warming looming and the attendant hazard it poses
2 to our nation and the State of Rhode Island's environment and economy, it is imperative that all
3 Rhode Island stakeholders within the public and private sectors work together to implement and
4 promote alternative energy sources, with solar energy being a key component of any
5 comprehensive green energy plan; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 requests the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Panning to provide the following information by
8 April 30, 2021, in an excel spreadsheet (or equivalent) and GIS map layer showing commercial
9 scale solar development in Rhode Island's Cities and Towns with the following information:

10 1. Ground-mounted solar projects larger than 250 Kilowatts showing the status of
11 projects:

- 12 • Built and operational;
- 13 • Proposed and approved;
- 14 • Proposed and moving through the approval process; and
- 15 • Proposed by, on-hold, tabled, or denied; and

16 2. For Each Project:

- 17 • Address;

- 1 • Output (MW);
- 2 • Acres disturbed by the project;
- 3 • Total lot size;
- 4 • State energy programs funding the project (NM, CNM, REG); and
- 5 • Condition of the lots prior to development (gravel pit, landfill farm, forested and other
- 6 parcels of land; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this House hereby requests that the Rhode Island Statewide Planning

8 Division's Office of Energy Resources (OER) report issued in August of 2020 entitled "Solar

9 Siting Opportunities in Rhode Island", and a GIS map and related Excel Spreadsheet (or

10 equivalent) showing the sites identified in this report and the aforementioned information outlined

11 in this resolution be provided to the House by April 30, 2021; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the

14 Director of the Rhode Island Department of Administration, and to Meredith Brady, Associate

15 Director of the Rhode Division of Statewide Planning.

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