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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, Euer, Lauria, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island needs to encourage the development of microgrids in order to
2 meet its Act on Climate goals and other energy policies; and

3 WHEREAS, Despite Rhode Island’s ambitious renewable energy goals, microgrids have
4 not yet been incorporated into a more modern grid functionality; and

5 WHEREAS, Microgrids have the capacity to increase local and statewide resiliency to
6 extreme weather events and manage other system constraints; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has proposed that the public utilities commission
8 open a docket to establish a microgrid services agreement; and

9 WHEREAS, The public utilities commission would benefit from additional specific
10 expertise and the capacity to manage the stakeholder engagement process and docket procedures
11 to create a microgrid services tariff; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
13 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$100,000) to the public utilities commission for the purposes of hiring additional expert capacity
15 to manage the process and ultimately develop a microgrid services tariff; and the state controller
16 is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of
17 said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly

1 authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the public
- 2 utilities commission for the purposes of hiring additional expert capacity to manage the process
- 3 and ultimately develop a microgrid services tariff.

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