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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND AMENDING THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE  
FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE  
PAWTUXET RIVER

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Noret, Cotter, and Paplauskas

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1       RESOLVED, That the special legislative commission created by resolution No. 318  
2    passed by the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2025, and approved May 20,  
3    2025, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE  
4    COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO  
5    ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER" is hereby authorized to continue  
6    its study and make a report to the House of Representatives on or before March 5, 2027, and said  
7    commission shall expire on June 2, 2027; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the time for reporting authorized by resolution No. 318 passed by the  
9    House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2025, and approved May 20, 2025, be and  
10   the same is hereby rescinded; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the composition of said house commission is hereby increased by  
12    amending the membership as follows: The composition of said house commission is hereby  
13    increased from eleven (11) members to thirteen (13) members by replacing the District Engineer  
14    Commander of the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the Chief of the  
15    West Warwick Fire Department, or designee; by replacing the Acting Regional Administrator for  
16    FEMA, Region 1 with the Assistant Town Manager of Coventry, or designee; by adding an  
17    additional business owner in a potential flood zone area, to be appointed by the Speaker of the

1 House; and by adding the Providence Water Executive Engineer, or designee.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This resolution would amend and increase the membership of the commission to address
- 2        flooding of the Pawtuxet River from eleven (11) to thirteen (13), and would extend the reporting
- 3        date from March 2, 2026, to March 5, 2027, and expire on June 2, 2027.

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