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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL (EC4) TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND FISCAL RAMIFICATIONS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING A FLOOD AUDIT PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson

Date Introduced: May 27, 2016

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 WHEREAS, In 2014, the Rhode Island General Assembly approved legislation formally
2 establishing the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC⁴) under the Resilient RI
3 Act; and

4 WHEREAS, The purpose of the EC⁴ is to "Assess, integrate, and coordinate climate
5 change efforts throughout state agencies to reduce emissions, strengthen the resilience of
6 communities, and prepare for the effects of climate change, including, but not limited to,
7 coordinating vulnerability assessments throughout state government"; and

8 WHEREAS, For coastal communities in Rhode Island, it is imperative that homeowners
9 and businesses know what risks are likely or eminent so they may protect their property from
10 loss; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition, many neighborhoods in non-coastal communities also have a
12 potential risk of flooding due to geographical characteristics; and

13 WHEREAS, Flood Audit/Vulnerability assessments for such areas would strengthen the
14 implementing a Rhode Island flood audit program, using the Rhode Island State Energy audit
15 program as a template for the home and business flood risk program's formation and application;
16 now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, The Task Force would include, but not be limited to, the following
18 members: the members of the EC⁴ or designees; a representative of a Rhode Island home

1 insurance company; the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation; a
2 representative from the Rhode Island Builders' Association; an architect; a municipal
3 representative from a coastal community; a landscape architect; and a certified floodplain
4 manager (CFM); and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby requests that the Task Force report its findings and
7 recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than February 15, 2017; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Chair of the Executive Climate Change
11 Coordinating Council (EC⁴).

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