

Written testimony in support of H7353: Multi-Year Electric Vehicle Programming Proposal

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To Chair Solomon and the Members of the House Corporations Committee:

As state leaders in Rhode Island continue to make strides in following the Act on Climate which strives in reducing emissions economy-wide in the state to net-zero by 2050, H7353 will act as another mechanism to achieving this goal. By requesting Rhode Island Energy to submit a proposal on multi-year electric vehicle programming, this allows the state to gain a step forward into cutting down its carbon emissions.

Rhode Island's transportation currently makes up the largest component of Greenhouse gas emissions in the state at a whopping 39.7%.¹ The program proposal outlined in H7353 does a few key things that would allow the state to cut down on these emissions such as:

- Creating Make Ready offerings that would reduce the cost of EV utilities and therefore incentivize development and use of EVs and EV charging structures
- Providing rebates for EV supply equipment

By making climate-friendly options more accessible and available, especially to those of low-income, residents will be encouraged to choose these options and lower their emissions with lower-emissions fuels. I therefore support H7343 as a necessary step in cutting carbon emissions, as climate change must be acted upon now before it is too late.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to submit written testimonial as a Brown University student, representative of Brown College Democrats Climate Caucus, and a member of the Rhode Island community.

Sincerely,
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¹ "Clean Transportation." Transportation | Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. Accessed March 7, 2024. <https://energy.ri.gov/transportation>.