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**In Support of H-7892 – WILDFIRE EDUCATION**

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) supports **H-7892**, and respectfully urges its passage.

Education remains an essential, yet frequently underemphasized, means of addressing the climate crisis and related environmental challenges. Notably, a recent article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences<sup>1</sup> identified strengthening climate education and public engagement as one of six critical societal transformations required to confront the climate crisis effectively.

The development of a comprehensive collaborative course providing students with accurate information and instruction on risks of wildfires is an important step to preventing and managing wildfires in Rhode Island, which are becoming more and more likely given the climate crisis. In addition, we support the development of an action plan to mitigate loss in case of a wildfire in all K-12 schools.

The RIEEA membership includes over 400 individuals including youth and students as well as 79 organizations<sup>2</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College. RIEEA's membership and supporters care deeply about Rhode Island's natural places, our health, and environmental and economic stability. **I encourage you to pass this important legislation, H-7892.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/5/2354>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>