

Support for House bill 7183

House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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Dear Chair Bennett and members of the Committee,

My name is Gillian Kiley and I live in Cranston, RI. I am submitting testimony in support of House bill 7183.

I urge you to support the Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act of 2026 because it will empower owners of the state's largest buildings to understand how to make their properties more efficient and cost effective.

In these difficult economic times, boosting building owners' ability to benchmark energy use and locate cost savings is a win-win.

As someone who has worked in higher education in Providence for the past 10 years, I've worked in some of the city's larger buildings, and I have a sense of how efficiencies could be gained, but to date, I've never worked in a building where benchmarking and reporting were structured, so these things fall by the wayside, despite my and my colleagues' interest in saving overhead costs and eliminating waste.

Please support bill 7183. Knowledge is power.

Sincerely,

Gillian Kiley