

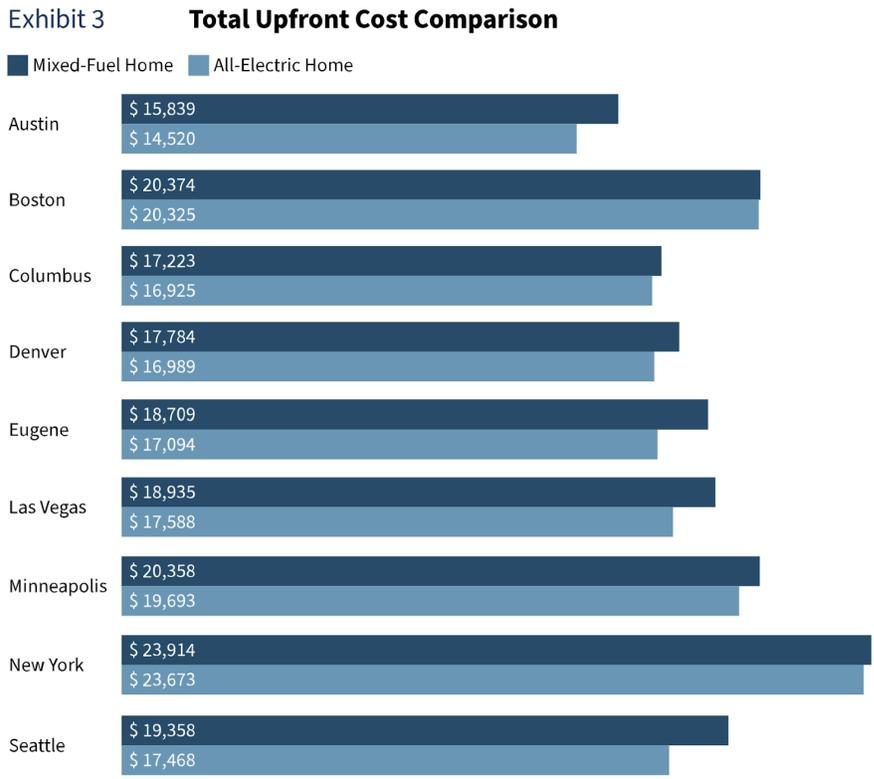
March 11, 2026

Subject: In Favor of H-7484 Buildings Carbon Emissions Reduction Act

Dear House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

As a Rhode Islander, member of Climate Action Rhode Island (CARI), and Architectural Green Building Consultant, I am writing in support of the H-7484 Buildings Carbon Emissions Reduction Act. As Rhode Island continues to build new buildings, we all have a responsibility to ourselves and future generations to ensure those buildings are making a positive impact. By requiring large developments to provide a carbon impact report and build all-electric where possible, those developments will be held accountable for their inevitable impact on their neighbors.

Building all-electric is consistently cheaper than building a mixed-fuel building (<https://rmi.org/insight/the-economics-of-electrifying-buildings-residential-new-construction/>), so this requirement will not cost more money to construct for builders. Specialty buildings have a pathway for exemptions if needed, so they will not be prevented from being built. With the skyrocketing costs of single-use fuels such as oil and gas, the choice is clear: we need to build all-electric, for ourselves and our neighbors.



Source: RSMean's Construction Data, RMI Analysis

Thank you,
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