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**In Support of H-5195 – COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION**

House Finance Committee

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) supports **H-5195** and respectfully urges its passage.

This bill would provide much needed funding to support education programming relating to reducing the amount of solid waste, surplus food rescue, composting, and other waste stream related topics. We are pleased that the educational programming would be provided for public and private entities, including small haulers, as well as local education agencies (LEAs), colleges/universities, nonprofit organizations, conservation district, farmers, and more.

The RIEEA membership includes 69 organizations<sup>1</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College, as well as over 400 individuals including youth and students. RIEEA's membership and supporters care deeply about Rhode Island's natural places, health, and economic stability.

I encourage you to pass this important legislation, **H-5195**.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>