



RHODE ISLAND  
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS <sup>AFT</sup><sub>AFL-CIO</sub>

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Re: **Court Reporters Page Rate**

Dear Representative,

The Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals represents approximately fifty Court Reporters and Electronic Court Reporters who work in Family Court and Superior Court. On their behalf, we ask that you support H 6159 by Representative Craven. The bill is #8 on Thursday's calendar. The bill would increase the page rate paid to Reporters who produce transcripts of court proceedings from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per page on original transcripts and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per page for additional copies.

Transcript fees are set in state law. Money collected is paid to the Court Reporters and Electronic Court Reporters who produce transcripts on request. The per-page rate for transcripts has not changed since the 1990's. The fifty cent per page increase called for in H 6159 is much less than inflation.

H 6159 would provide a modest increase for skilled professionals who produce transcripts of court proceedings. The Judiciary has not had sufficient applicants with stenographic skills applying for vacant Court Reporter positions. Making the job more appealing by increasing the page rate paid for transcripts could assist in getting more people to consider Court Reporting as a profession.

The RIFTHP urges you to approve H 6159.

Sincerely,

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Field Representative

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