

Testimony in support of H7499: RI DOT Efficiency and Performance Audit Act

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To Chair Shanley and the honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

It is prudent and good practice to perform an independent audit of organizations after major leadership changes, to make sure that a new leader starts on a "clean slate" after any inherited issues are identified and can be addressed.

This is especially important for the RI DOT, after the previous Director resigned, and where a tug-of-war about who's actually accountable for the Washington Bridge disaster left many Rhode Islanders jaw-dropped. Conducting an audit of efficiency and performance of the Department is also prudent, because we pay a large amount of money to the DOT, and we want to make sure that the investment is not lost to inefficiencies.

This is why I support H7499.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Stewart for introducing this important bill.



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