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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

2024-H 7997

Date of State Budget Office Approval: Monday, June 10, 2024

Date Requested: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Date Due: Thursday, April 4, 2024

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>	<i>Impact on Revenues</i>
FY 2024 \$0	FY 2024 \$0
FY 2025 Indeterminate	FY 2025 \$0
FY 2026 Indeterminate	FY 2026 \$0

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill would add a new Section 42-13-9 entitled "Restoration of stone bridge abutment in Portsmouth" to Rhode Island General Law Chapter 42-13, requiring the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to complete a total restoration, reconstruction and refurbishment of the Stone Bridge abutment and oversee the management of the adjacent property referred to as "Teddy's Beach".

In addition, RIDOT, in conjunction with the division of parks and recreation within the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, shall be required to implement a program to clean, maintain, and manage the Teddy's beach property.

The Bill also allows for RIDOT to take actions to potentially transfer the property to the town of Portsmouth in the future.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

1. In 2019, The Stone Bridge abutment eroded and collapsed into the Sakonnet River, leading to its closure for public use.
2. In 2023, the Portsmouth Town Council approved a purchase and sales agreement with RIDOT to purchase the "Teddy's Beach" property for \$150,000, but the offer was ultimately not accepted by RIDOT. As a result of previous actions taken by the Town of Portsmouth, and should negotiations commence in the future, there is a potential for the state to obtain one-time additional revenues from the sale of the Teddy's Beach Property to the Town of Portsmouth.
3. At this time, no estimates have been given with respect to the restoration, reconstruction and refurbishment of the Stone Bridge abatement. Therefore, the estimated cost associated with this legislation is currently indeterminate.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

Funds may come from a variety of sources from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund, including federal, gas tax, or Highway Maintenance Account revenues, as well as general revenues.



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Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Based on the foregoing facts and assumptions, the fiscal impact presented by passage of this bill is as follows:

FY 2024 Expenditures: \$0; No impact due to timing.

FY 2025 Expenditures:

FY 2026 Expenditures:

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