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**In Opposition of S-2012 - Transparency in Electric and Gas Bills Act**

Senate Commerce

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) **opposes S-2012**. While we support efforts to improve transparency in utility billing, RIEEA opposes this bill as currently written because it applies detailed disclosure requirements only to renewable energy sources and related public policy costs, without providing comparable transparency for fossil fuel-based energy. By singling out renewables in this way, the bill risks creating a misleading and incomplete picture of energy costs for consumers, potentially undermining informed decision-making and public understanding. True transparency should encompass the full energy portfolio, including the economic, environmental, and public health costs associated with fossil fuels. An equitable and comprehensive approach to energy education and communication is essential to advancing RIEEA's mission of ensuring all Rhode Islanders have access to accurate, relevant environmental information and can meaningfully engage in decisions that affect their communities and environment.

The RIEEA membership includes over 400 individuals including youth and students as well as over 70 organizations<sup>1</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College. RIEEA's membership and supporters care deeply about Rhode Island's natural places, our health, and environmental and economic stability. **I urge you NOT to pass this legislation, S-2012.**

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