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**In Support of H-6016 – House Resolution Making an Appropriation of \$400,000
to the CRMC for Funding of URI’s CRC**

House Finance Committee

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) supports H-6016, and respectfully urges its passage.

URI’s STORMTOOLS, CHAMP Analysis, and MyCoast advance the ability of our state’s emergency managers, partner communities, state regulatory agencies, and military to respond to storms and the flooding associated with them while improving Rhode Island residents’ understanding of these issues. H-6016 would provide much needed resources to continue this important work. Education is often overlooked as one of the best ways to address the climate crisis and other environmental issues. In fact, strengthening education and engagement was identified by scientists as one of six key societal transformations needed to address the climate crisis in a recent paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences¹.

The RIEEA membership includes over 400 individuals including educators, scientists, advocates, students, parents, and others as well as 66 organizations² including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Tomaquag Museum. RIEEA’s membership and supporters care deeply about Rhode Island’s natural places, our health, and environmental and economic stability.

¹ <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/5/2354>

² <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>