

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support bill H7382. This bill reduces the current limits on renting and provides badly needed housing for URI students as has been done for decades.

Our daughter attends URI and is currently a Junior. She is an out of state student, so living at home and commuting is not an option. Furthermore, due to the severe lack of on campus housing, living on campus is also not an option. We pay out of state tuition rates, and have been very pleased with her experience at URI except for the extreme lack of housing available and the exorbitant cost of the housing that is available. Had we known the stress, and financial burden of finding housing for our daughter in her upper class years, I'm not sure we would have agreed to her attending URI and I worry that if this nonsense continues, other parents will make the decision not to send their children there from out of state.

Reducing the already incredibly limited supply of housing options will have a dire impact not only on current students, but future students and the favorability of URI as an option.

What are the students supposed to do, where are they supposed to live? There simply isn't enough housing to support the student population as it is. The University of Rhode Island absolutely needs more housing options, but until that happens, this bill needs to pass.

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Thank you,
Brook Thompson, URI parent