

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.

As the parent of a URI student who will be there for a 6 year program, I can't convey enough the stress it is every year looking for housing off campus and the ordinance just makes it worse. Not only does it split friends up, it also makes it more expensive in utilities when you can only have 3 students in a house. We're already paying boatloads of money in tuition and rent. It causes a lot of stress all around. I also think it's crazy to tell homeowners, i.e., tax payers what they're allowed to do with their rental property. If I had known it would be such an issue, we might have re-thought our student going to URI. It's just not right. Out of state students and their parents inject a lot of money into the local economy, which helps everyone. It's not students' fault that URI lacks sufficient housing, please help the students and landlords who welcome the students.

Thanks for your consideration.

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