

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.

My son graduated in 2023, and his "4th" roommate was forced to find housing with 2 other random students, because they would only allow 3 people to live in the house he found off campus. Most kids looking to live together are even numbers, typically 2 roommates, joining 2 others. Not only does this put an additional financial burden on families and students, it also puts additional stress on students who were not awarded on campus housing. Only allowing 3 students to live together makes finding housing nearly impossible. It is a HUGE stress to our kids. My daughter who will graduate in 2025, also has felt the financial pinch, having to pay extra rent and utilities in the house that she rents. The 3 person ordinance is unfair and unrealistic. Our students are a valuable contribution to the community and should be granted more housing opportunities. Thank you for considering a bill that will help our students, and future students of URI have adequate housing options.

Sincerely,

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