

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am emailing in support of house bill H7382 which will reduce the current limits on renting in cities and towns across the state and will have a positive effect on the housing crisis in Rhode Island. It will also provide badly needed housing for URI students. I am from Cranston, Rhode Island and am a senior at the University of Rhode Island in a 6 year program. I currently live at 26 Middle Road in Narragansett. Throughout my time at URI, I have rented 2 homes for the academic year and have plans to rent another during the upcoming year. The current student housing limit made finding housing for the academic year very difficult and expensive. While looking for a rental for the upcoming academic year, many houses were unaffordable due to the number of bedrooms in the house and less homes were available as only 3 students are allowed to live in a house. Splitting a rent payment meant for 4-5 people between 3 has made housing very expensive and many of my friends have to commute as a result. This bill would allow more affordable housing and increased housing opportunities to URI students.

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Sidman

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