



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2009 H 5261, "An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Green Jobs Task Force."

This act would create a "Green Jobs Task Force" to develop a statewide action plan to optimize the growth of the green economy.

The State already devotes substantial time and resources to promoting energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources. Our efforts to develop the nation's first offshore, utility scale wind farm and an associated land-based manufacturing and support facility provide dramatic evidence of our dedication to this important subject.

Earlier this year, I partnered with the Speaker of the House and Senate President and the Economic Development Corporation to begin a major green economy initiative. This joint venture officially kicked-off in June with the assembly of the Green Economy Roundtable, and its work continues to this day. In fact, the scope of work is very similar to that of the Roundtable which is already doing a market analysis of business opportunities, examining the needs of the labor force and undertaking a review of existing state assets that complement development of a green economy. To that end, the next Green Economy event will take place in January where I expect to announce the results of this work including a Green Economy Roadmap. This roadmap will likely be completed before Representative Rice's Task Force even begins any substantive work.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Carcieri", followed by a horizontal line.

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor