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Wages in Rhode Island have been stagnant for the past decade. At the same time, housing costs have risen. Our neighbors and family members, including our aging parents who are on fixed incomes, children just beginning their careers, and workers who provide vital services to our communities **are being priced out.**

In fact, more than 145,000 Rhode Island households, or 35% of all households, are cost burdened. In FY17, Rhode Island spent only \$5 per capita, compared to Massachusetts, which spent \$100, and Connecticut, which spent \$85.

A stable home in a thriving community is the foundation from which we build our lives and ensure the well-being of our families. Rhode Island's economic vitality and the health of our residents depends on policies that lower housing costs.

Investing in strategies that increase access to safe, healthy, and sustainable homes for people at all income levels benefits everyone.

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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO PROPERTY – FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, and Knight

Date Introduced: January 17, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

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Introduced By: Senators Metts, Ciccone, Bell, Crowley, and Quezada

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H5075 / S0322

Requires sealing of district court files where an eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant.

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H5137 / S0331

Prohibits discrimination in housing against persons with a lawful source of income.

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Rhode Island voters clearly support community development, passing three housing bonds in the last twelve years.

We must commit to making serious, long-term investments to ensure that all Rhode Islanders live in safe, healthy, affordable homes in thriving communities.

We support increased state funding for construction and preservation of affordable housing, rental subsidies for low and very low-income households, and necessary supportive services for those placed in affordable housing.

We also support the removal of legal, administrative, regulatory, and economic barriers to quality housing.



A collaborative statewide campaign created by local nonprofits, housing organizations, and community stakeholders to shine a spotlight on the need for Rhode Island to better support community development and affordable homes.

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