

In Favor of H 7277 Offshore Wind Policy Procurement Commission. 3-19-26

My name is Jessie Kingston, retired. I live in Providence.

I am writing in favor of this bill which establishes an Offshore Wind Procurement Policy Study Commission to develop a clear strategy for Rhode Island to procure 1,200 MW of offshore wind by 2030. The commission would evaluate policies, procurement structures, and market mechanisms needed to support the long-term development of offshore wind in Rhode Island in a way that is cost-effective, reliable, and aligned with the state's climate and economic development goals.

Offshore wind reached a huge milestone March 13, 2026 with Revolution Wind achieving first power! This means that it has begun successfully delivering electricity to the New England grid. Over the coming months, the project will gradually ramp up its electricity production and is expected to power 350,000+ homes with reliable, affordable, clean energy once it becomes fully operational. Revolution Wind will provide 1/5 of Rhode Island's electricity and bring down winter power prices.

The commission's strategies will serve to ensure the continuation and expansion of the development of offshore wind — a clean source of energy that is free once it is built. The commission's findings will also help educate the public so that they understand the overwhelming benefits of energy created by off shore wind.

Sincerely,
Jessie Kiingston