

Testimony FOR bills for 3-25-26 House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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

I would like to go on record as being in favor of the following bills that are on the schedule for March 25, 2026:

HB 7004 The Climate Superfund Act.

What other industry is allowed to operate with such astonishing impunity as to its documented , extremely harmful effects on the health of both all human beings and the world we inhabit?

H 7081 Next Generation Public Buildings Act

This is the most logical way to incrementally approach incorporating renewable heating and cooling systems into new, renovated or altered state or municipal buildings open to the public.

H 7069 Energy Facility Siting Act

“Clean coal” is a misnomer—there is no such thing . It is not clean nor is it renewable and as such should not be given priority as an energy generation product.

H 7912 RI Clean Heat Standards Act

When I was in the market for a heat pump in 2021, I found that many of the HVAC companies didn't advertise them and/or barely mentioned them on their websites once I tried to research if they even offered them or not. Others, it was only when I called they would say “oh yes, we install those”, leaving me to wonder why they wouldn't advertise that. This bill would incentivize HVAC companies to gradually phase out their use of fossil fuels in favor of healthier and cleaner renewables.

H 7917 EC4 Mandatory Act on Climate Compliance

In my opinion, this bill adds “belts and suspenders” to make explicit the already clear language in the landmark Act on Climate bill passed in 2021 that the goals therein are achievable, mandatory and require collective action.

Sincerely,

Jessie Kingston