

**Testimony in support of H7998: 2021 Act on Climate**

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To Chair Shanley and the honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

The Governor has proposed a 2026 budget that has significant negative implications on reaching the greenhouse gas reduction mandates of the 2021 RI Act on Climate, mostly for presumed utility rate savings, but without sufficient explanation of the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards the mandated goals.

H7998 would require to ensure that the impact on the Act on Climate mandates, and on moving us towards reaching these mandates would be considered and set forth in the budget.

This is why I support H7998.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Tanzi for introducing this important bill.



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