



# Commission to Study the **Successful Implementation** of the Act on Climate

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ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION



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1150+ Projects across 35 States & Provinces



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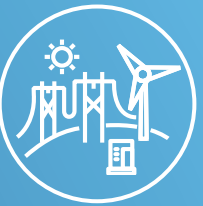
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**EE and Clean Energy Support Affordability**

**International Conflict + Fossil Fuel Disruptions**

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## Economic Considerations

- Energy costs in New England are driven by **volatile fossil fuel costs**
- Efficiency and **clean energy reduce RI's exposure**, and support affordability
- **Clean energy is local energy**, supporting high-wage jobs, cleaner air, and healthier people

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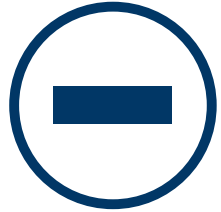
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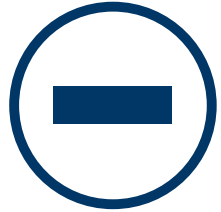
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## **Weakenes the Renewable Energy Standard**

- Threatens compliance with 2030 Act on Climate mandate
- Pushing back timeline for reaching 100% of electricity is particularly impactful
- RES is a low-cost decarb. tool; delays likely to drive compliance costs UP!
- Other changes to RES could risk compliance as well, depending on GHG inventory accounting

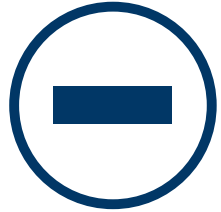


## **Weakens the Renewable Energy Standard**



## **Reduces funding for energy efficiency programs**

- Likely increases long-term costs, undermining affordability
- Making it harder for Rhode Islanders to take control of their energy costs
- Strong opponents: the State's Efficiency Council (EERMC); a large group of General Assembly members who opposed reductions in 2025
- Climate Strategy compliance pathway assumed more, not less, EE!



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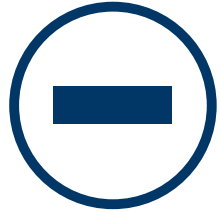


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- You just heard about these programs
- My only comment is to base changes in sound energy system economics, such as a *Value of Solar study for Rhode Island*



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