



Senator Robert Britto, Chair
Senate Commerce Committee
Rhode Island Senate

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RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Opposes S2521

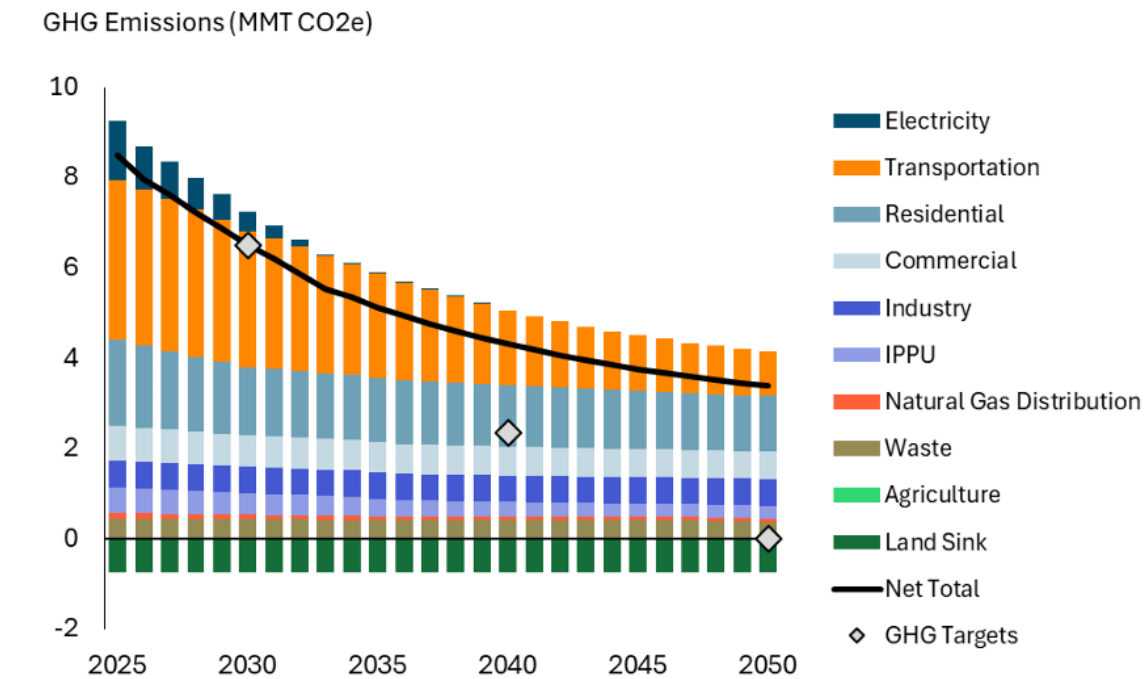
Dear Chair Britto and members of the Committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong opposition to Senate Bill 2521** which would push out the state’s Renewable Energy Standard by 11 years.

The Renewable Energy Standard is Foundational to Meeting the Act on Climate

At this time, Green Energy Consumers does not support an adjustment of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES). The Renewable Energy Standard was amended in 2022 to ensure 100% of the state’s electricity is procured from renewable energy resources by 2033 and is foundational to ensuring the state can meet the mandates in the Act on Climate. The state’s most recent climate report, the 2025 Climate Action Strategy, found that Rhode Island is currently not on track to meet the long-term mandates in the Act on Climate, and pushing out the RES will only continue to stymie emissions reductions.

Figure 3: Economy-wide GHG Emissions Under the Current Policy Scenario



2025 Rhode Island Climate Action Strategy, p. 12.

According to the 2025 Climate Action Strategy, successful implementation of the Act on Climate in the near term requires a commitment to the current stringency of the RES. This policy is the primary mechanism the state has to meet the 2030 Act on Climate mandate of 45% emissions reductions below 1990 levels. Without the emissions reductions that would be achieved under the current RES, additional emissions reductions will be needed in other sectors like transportation or buildings. Unfortunately, Rhode Island is currently not able to enforce the primary policy intended to reduce emissions from the transportation sector, and the state has not passed any policies that would reduce emissions from the building sector. Therefore, the RES is the primary lever, and potentially lowest-cost lever that the state has at this time to reduce emissions and meet the near and long-term Act on Climate Mandates.

The Renewable Energy Standard also has impacts beyond ensuring that the state's electricity is met with renewable energy resources. This policy is an indicator that Rhode Island is a state open to clean energy investment and job growth. It represents stability regarding the types of resources the state aims to invest in, and signals that our economy wants to see further growth and development in our clean energy sector. Clean energy resources like offshore wind also provides electricity price stability through long term power-purchase agreements and [can help suppress the cost of electricity](#) on the wholesale market which is beneficial for ratepayers. Any adjustment to the current trajectory of the RES would result in a loss of investment and jobs, significantly impacting the state's economy and risks keeping ratepayers more reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks the Committee for the opportunity to testify, and strongly urges opposition to S2521.

Sincerely,

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