

**Trafton testimony in behalf of the Environment Council of Rhode Island supporting S2550 -
Senate Finance Committee, May 21, 2026.**

Dear Chair DiPalma and Honorable Committee Members,

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence, Co-VP of Policy for the Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) writing in strong **support of S 2550**, by Senator Vargas and colleagues.

This bill requires the department of administration to report to the general assembly information on the number of hybrid, combustion engine, plug-in hybrid, and ZEV vehicles in the state's light duty fleet on an annual basis.

Rhode Island has been talking about and attempting to implement a policy of "lead by example" for several years. 2550 provides an opportunity to assess and follow the progress of our leading by example.

ECRI urges you to pass 2550. The public needs to know what kind of an example is actually being set by their state government.

Thanks very much for considering my comments in ECRI's behalf.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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The Environment Council of Rhode Island