

Testimony in opposition to S7127: Renewable Energy Standard

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To Chair DiPalma and the honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I oppose the bill out of the following reasons:

- With continuation of the current global reality¹ and trend^{2,3}, solar, wind and battery storage have become the least expensive technologies to generate electricity, which makes extending the timeline of the Standard unnecessary and counterproductive.
- Extending the timeline will lock Rhode Islanders for much longer into polluting and more and more unaffordable “natural” methane gas and oil as energy sources.
- Bill H8519 is a much better alternative to allow for nuclear energy and large-scale hydro electric energy as eligible zero-emission energy resources. H8519 retains the Standard’s 2033 goal, which gives us almost eight years to reach 100% electricity from renewable and non-emitting resources and to steadily increase the share of renewables in the mix. With focused and diligent leadership and implementation of our Rhode Island 2025 Climate Action Strategy we will be able to get there on time. There is no need to extend the Standard beyond 2033.

Please do NOT bring the S7127 to a vote, but consider passing a sister bill to H8519.

Thank you very much for considering my input.



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¹ Euan Graham, Nicolas Fulghum, Katye Altieri. 2026. “[Global Electricity Review 2025](#)”. *EMBER* (April)

² Walter, Daan; Butler-Sloss, Sam; Bond, Kingsmill. 2025. Slide deck “[The Electrotech Revolution](#)”. *EMBER* (Sep)

³ Volts podcast interview with EMBER’s Kingsmill Bond from November 21, 2025, “[Clean Electrification is Inevitable](#)”: