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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets				
 Enacted	<p>45% by 2030 80% by 2040 net-zero by 2050</p> <p>Relative to 1990 levels</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHAPTER 42-6.2 - 2021 Act on Climate (2021) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2021
Climate Action Plans				
 Enacted	<p>2022 Update to the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHAPTER 42-6.2 - 2021 Act on Climate (2021) 2022 Update to the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022
State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory				
 Enacted	<p>The 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was published in December 2024.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H 7904 - Resilient Rhode Island Act (2014) 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2024) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2024

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Climate Bureaucracy

Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4)

Establishing Policies

 Enacted

- [H 7904 - Resilient Rhode Island Act of 2014 \(2014\)](#)
- [CHAPTER 42-6.2 - 2021 Act on Climate \(2021\)](#)
- [Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council \(EC4\)](#)

Climate Governance and Equity

Climate Governance

2021

Climate Advisory Bodies

Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) Advisory Board and EC4 Science and Technical Advisory Board

Establishing Policies




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- [H 7904 - Resilient Rhode Island Act of 2014 \(2014\)](#)
- [CHAPTER 42-6.2 - 2021 Act on Climate \(2021\)](#)
- [Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council \(EC4\) Advisory Board](#)
- [EC4 Science and Technical Advisory Board](#)





Climate Governance and Equity

Climate Governance

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 Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Definitions</p> <p>"Environmental Justice Focus Areas" are census tracts where the median household income is less than 65% of statewide median income, at least 40% of the population are minorities, at least 25% of households lack English proficiency, or at least 25% of the population are minorities and the municipality's median household income does not exceed 150% of statewide median income.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIDEM Environmental Justice Policy (2023) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2023
 Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Mapping Tools</p> <p>RIDEM Environmental Justice Area Map</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIDEM Environmental Justice Area Map (2023) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2023
 Not Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements</p> <p>Environmental justice (EJ) community investment requirements help ensure communities most impacted by environmental burdens are benefitting equitably from public programs by requiring a certain percentage of funds and/or benefits from other policies are allocated to EJ communities.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	

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 Not Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Bureaucracy</p> <p>Environmental justice (EJ) bureaucracy consists of dedicated EJ offices and staff, interagency task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff responsible for developing and implementing EJ policy. These entities are often tasked with integrating EJ and equity into climate policy design and implementation.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
 In-Progress	<p>Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies</p> <p>The Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) must create an Environmental Justice Committee.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC4 Environmental Justice Committee 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
 Not Enacted	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment</p> <p>Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	

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 Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Plans</p> <p>Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
 Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Offices and Staff</p> <p>Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
 Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Just transition advisory bodies write or advise on a state's just transition plan or report, and make recommendations on ways to support affected workers, communities, and industries. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
 Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Funds</p> <p>Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	