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 Enacted	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets 33% by 2025 50% by 2030 75% by 2040 85% and net-zero by 2050 Relative to 1990 levels Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.9 (2021) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2021
	Climate Action Plans 2025 and 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008 (2008) • S.9 (2021) • 2025 and 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan (2022) • 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022
 Enacted	State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory The 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was published in March 2023. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Warming Solutions Act (2008) • 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2023) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023

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Climate Bureaucracy				
 Enacted	Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 604 (2023) Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023
Climate Advisory Bodies				
 Enacted	Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Implementation Advisory Committee Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Implementation Advisory Committee 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2012
Environmental Justice Community Definitions				
 Enacted	"Environmental justice populations" are neighborhoods where the median household income is 65% or less of the statewide median, minorities comprise 40% or more of the population, 25% or more of households lack English proficiency, or minorities comprise 25% of the population and the median household income does not exceed 150%. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S.9 - Creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (2021) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021

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Environmental Justice Mapping Tools

 Enacted

Massachusetts 2020 EJ Populations Establishing Policies

- Massachusetts 2020 EJ Populations (2020)

Climate Governance and Equity

Environmental Justice and Equity

2020

Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements




 Not Enacted

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.

Climate Governance and Equity


Environmental Justice and Equity

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	Environmental Justice Bureaucracy			
	Massachusetts Office of Environmental Justice			
	EEA – Environmental Justice Task Force with staff that serve as EJ points of contact representing each EEA agency and office			
	EEA – Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity			
✓ Enacted	EEA – Director and Deputy Director of Environmental Justice	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2024
	DEP – Director of Environmental Justice			
	Establishing Policies			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEA Environmental Justice Task Force • EEA – Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity (2023) • Environmental Justice Contacts • S.2967 (2024) 			
	Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies			
✓ Enacted	Environmental Justice Council	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
	Establishing Policies			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Justice Council 			


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 Enacted	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment</p> <p>Requires certain facilities seeking air emissions permits in or near communities with EJ populations to conduct a cumulative impact analysis that includes meaningful public involvement of EJ populations. S.2067 requires a cumulative impact analysis for all large renewable and clean energy projects.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 310 CMR 7.02(14) (2024) • S.2967 (2024) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2024
 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	
 Enacted	<p>Just Transition Offices and Staff</p> <p>Office of Energy Transformation within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healey-Driscoll Administration Establishes Nation's First Office of Energy Transformation (2024) • Office of Energy Transformation 	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	2024

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Just Transition Advisory Bodies

 Enacted	Energy Transformation Advisory Board Establishing Policies	Climate	Just Transition	2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healey-Driscoll Office of Energy Transformation Announces Advisory Board (2024) Energy Transformation Advisory Board 	Governance and Equity		

Just Transition Funds

 Not Enacted	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.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
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