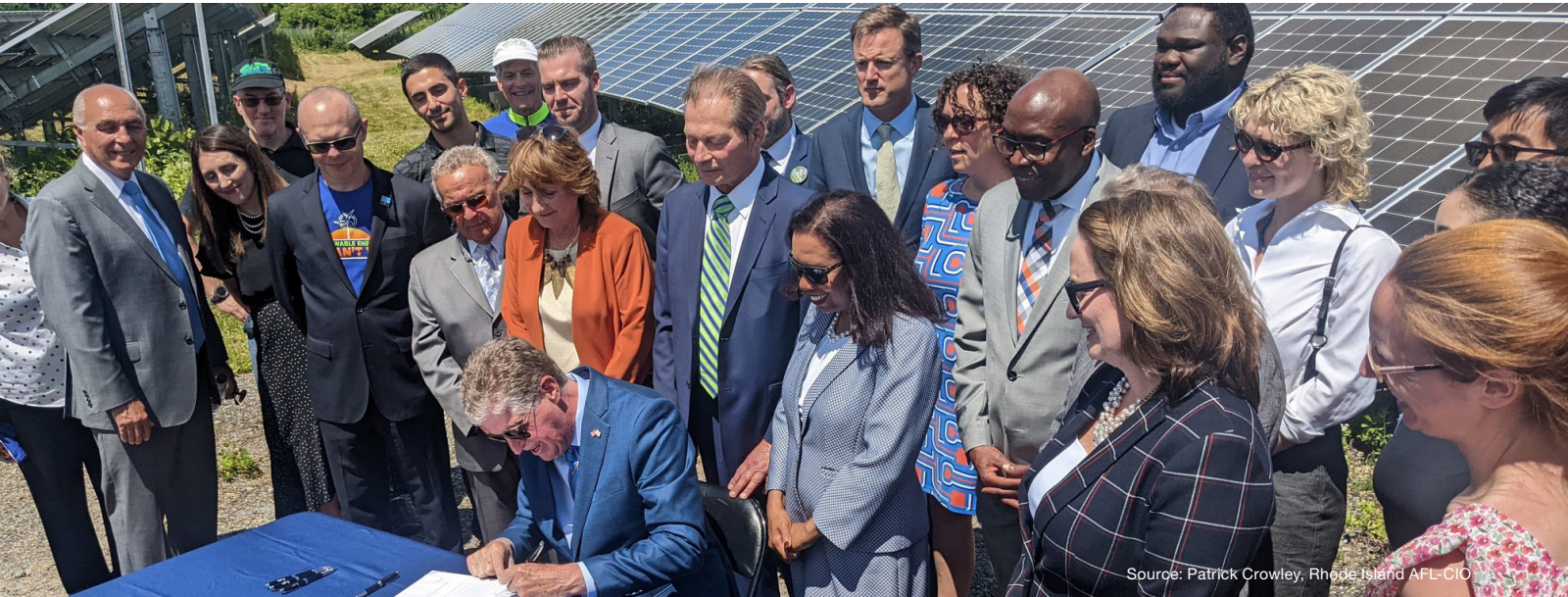


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RHODE ISLAND



CLIMATE SUCCESS STORY The state became among the first in the nation to set a 100 percent renewable energy standard by 2033.



Source: Patrick Crowley, Rhode Island AFL-CIO

Rhode Island adopts historic legislation requiring 100 percent of the state's electricity be generated from renewable energy by 2033

In June 2022, Rhode Island became one of the few states committed to an ambitious 100 percent renewable energy standard after Governor Dan McKee signed legislation into law requiring that 100 percent of Rhode Island's electricity be from renewable production by 2033.

In the Ocean State, Rhode Island is already feeling the effects of climate change and the risks facing communities across the state will only increase without bold action.

This historic legislation outlines a firm 10-year commitment to achieve Rhode Island's climate change mitigation goals, giving the state the most ambitious renewable energy standard in the nation. It also reaffirms Rhode Island's commitment to meeting its *Act on Climate* goals and reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net-zero by 2050.

Governor McKee further bolstered the state's commitment to renewable energy by requesting and signing additional legislation requiring a market-competitive procurement for between 600 and 1,000 megawatts (MW) of newly-developed offshore wind capacity—expanding Rhode Island's first-in-the-nation offshore wind industry and creating hundreds of jobs in the process.

However, climate success is not only measured in clean energy. Governor McKee made additional investments in climate resilience this year, allocating \$25 million for an Electric Heat Pump Grant Program, \$35 million to support the offshore wind industry at South Quay Marine Terminal, and \$46 million for upgrading essential infrastructure at the Port of Galleee, the hub of Rhode Island's commercial fishing industry.



CLIMATE ACTION-AT-A-GLANCE

The following list includes both **statutory** and **executive** policies and actions that have been adopted or are in the process of being adopted.



ECONOMY-WIDE GHG TARGETS & CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

- Lead by Example programs & goals
- Economy-wide GHG goal
- Carbon neutral goal
- State climate action plan



BUILDINGS/EFFICIENCY

- Electric utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Gas utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Appliance efficiency standards
- Green building standards for public buildings



ELECTRICITY

- 100% clean electricity goal
- Renewable portfolio standards



INDUSTRY

- Regulations addressing HFCs



JUST TRANSITION/EQUITY

- Environmental justice screening and policy tools



RESILIENCE

- Statewide resilience or adaptation plan
- Resilience offices or interagency bodies



TRANSPORTATION

- Low emission vehicle standards
- Zero-emission vehicle standards
- Clean truck standards
- NEVI plan
- Electrified public transit



CARBON MARKETS & VALUING CLIMATE DAMAGES

- Carbon market participation



CLIMATE FINANCE

- Green and/or resilient infrastructure bank