100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2030

PASS S2274/H7277

S2274/H7277, sponsored by President Dominick Ruggerio and Rep. Deb Ruggiero, would update Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) to reach 100% renewable electricity by 2030. The Renewable Energy Standard requires Rhode Island's electric suppliers, including the electric utility to include a steadily rising minimum percentage of electricity from renewable sources.

WHY SUPPORT 100% BY 2030?

The Renewable Energy Standard works. Rhode Island passed one of the first Renewable Energy Standard policies in the country in 2004, which has helped get us to 20% renewable electricity in 2021. Now, 30 states have a Renewable Energy Standard.

Clean energy is good for the Rhode Island economy. 100% renewable by 2030 is supported by dozens of businesses in Rhode Island, as well as labor groups like AFL-CIO, because of the promise of thousands of well-paying local jobs in solar and wind.

We could be a national leader. President Biden's administration set a federal goal of 100% clean electricity by 2035—Rhode Island could beat that goal and attract federal investment in the process.

100% by 2030 would jumpstart our Act On Climate goals. Getting fossil fuels out of our electricity is a straight-forward way to meet our Act On Climate goal of 45% carbon emissions reductions by 2030. The Renewable Energy Standard is one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce emissions.

We're already on our way to 100%. Rhode Island has a surplus of renewable energy when compared to our current mandate. Upcoming planned offshore wind procurements will get us most of the rest of the way to the 2030 goal.

What can you do?

Contact your State Senator and State Representative (find their info at vote.sos.ri.gov) and encourage them to support the 2022 100% by 2030 bill (S2274/H7277).

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