

RHODE ISLAND'S EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND STATE LEGISLATURE

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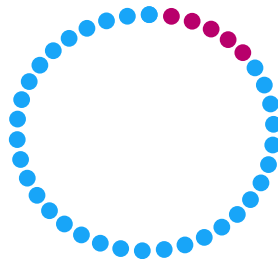
Speaker of the House (D)
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House Majority Leader (D)
Chris Blazejewski

Senate President (D)
Dominick Ruggerio

Senate Majority Leader (D)
Ryan Pearson

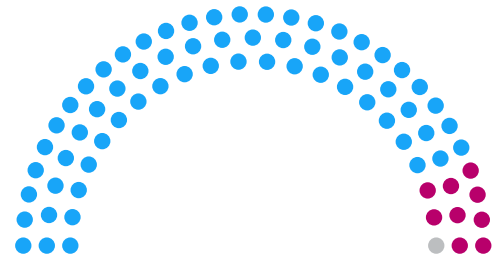
STATE SENATE



33 Senate Democrats

5 Senate Republicans

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



65 House Democrats

9 House Republicans

1 Independent

THE LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

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House Corporations (D)
Chair Joseph Solomon

House Environment & Natural Resources (D)
Chair David Bennett

Senate Commerce (D)
Chair Susan Sosnowski

Senate Environment (D)
Chair Alana DiMario

KEY ENERGY ISSUES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN 2023



BLUE ECONOMY: OFFSHORE-WIND

- Because Rhode Island is a champion of the South Quay Terminal in East Providence, the governor has proposed an additional \$25M in funding for phase two of the project.
- South Quay will serve as a regional hub for wind turbines destined for off-shore wind projects in-and-around the State.



BROWNFIELD (SOLAR) DEVELOPMENT

- There will likely be efforts to support streamlined brownfield development for solar projects.
- The Department of Environmental Management published a list of brownfield sites available for development, but the program is likely to see some legislative action to incentivize and streamline these sites for solar development.



ELECTRIC-VEHICLES

- Rhode Island is the beneficiary of \$23M in federal funds to expand its EV-charging capability.
- There is a requirement for the EV-charging corridor (I-95) to be outfitted along the highways; the federal funds are available for disbursement in other ways including private development.



ENERGY PRICING

- There will be a continued effort to highlight the issue of rising energy prices in Rhode Island.
- Some lawmakers will focus on legislatively challenging the Public Utilities Commission, the rate-setting entity in the State.



FEDERAL FUNDS

- Rhode Island is expected to invest the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds to help meet the State's climate goals.
- A labor-backed organization, Climate Jobs Rhode Island, will play a significant role in shaping policy for these funds.



GRID RELIABILITY

- Climate Jobs Rhode Island and other entities will keep emphasizing grid reliability concerns.
- The local media will likely highlight power plant failures in New England, and these types of events, to serve as a catalyst to increase grid reliability.