



## Environment Council of Rhode Island Environmental To Do List

### Prevent Mercury Pollution

ECRI supports the **Mercury Thermostat Pollution Prevention Act** to require thermostat manufacturers to finance the safe collection and recycling of mercury-containing thermostats.

- ▶ **S2353A Passed Senate. In House Environment 6/8.**
- ▶ **H7199 In House Environment 6/8.**

### Stop Diesel Pollution

ECRI supports legislation to strengthen the **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act** to require the use of pollution control technology on major state construction projects.

- ▶ **S2440A Passed Senate.**
- ▶ **H7850 Pending in House Finance.**

### Support Public Transportation

ECRI supports the creation of a study commission to evaluate strategies for sustainable funding for transportation.

- ▶ **S2247A Passed Senate. Pending in House Finance.**
- ▶ **H7845 Pending in House Finance.**

### Protect Open Spaces

ECRI supports legislation codifying the Attorney General's authority to enforce conservation easements that protect open space lands. The bill also authorizes judges to award attorney fees if an organization holding the conservation easement needs to enforce the provisions of that easement.

- ▶ **H7247 In House Judiciary 6/8.**
- ▶ **S2161 Passed Senate. In House Judiciary 6/8.**

### Support the Climate Risk Reduction Act

ECRI supports the creation of the Rhode Island Climate Change Commission to review the climate change risks Rhode Island faces and make recommendations for strategies to adapt.

- ▶ **S2439 Passed Senate. Pending in House Environment.**
- ▶ **H7719 Passed House.**



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### Support Net Metering

ECRI supports proposed changes to the net metering law that would level the playing field for renewable energy development in the broadest of terms. The changes remove the system-wide cap on distributed generation, allow more renewable energy resources to participate in net metering and expand net metering to include combined heat and power. The bill also assert householders' "right to dry"—hang laundry and use solar panels and other energy saving devices.

- ▶ **H7713, H7714 In House Environment 6/8.**
- ▶ **S2735, S2736 Pending in Senate Environment.**

### Oppose Sweetheart Deal with Deepwater Wind

ECRI opposes these bills that would act as vetoes to the Public Utilities Commission's March 30, 2010 decision disapproving the contract between National Grid and Deepwater as not "commercially reasonable." Deepwater did not appeal the PUC decision, but instead sought a legislative end-run around the PUC decision. To make renewable energy a reality in Rhode Island, the state needs clear review processes in place that should apply uniformly for all renewable energy developers. Renewable Energy is important enough that Rhode Island should do it right: Keep the playing field open and level.

- ▶ **H8083 In House Environment 6/7.**
- ▶ **S2819 In Senate Environment 6/8.**

### Thank You!

#### Restore the Renewable Energy Development Fund

ECRI supports the budget amendment to restore \$1 million to the Renewable Energy Development Fund.

#### Support Federal Investments in Transportation

ECRI supports resolutions to support passage of federal legislation to promote federal transportation investments.

- ▶ **S2241 Passed Senate. Passed House in concurrence.**
- ▶ **H7497 Passed House. Passed Sen. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues.**