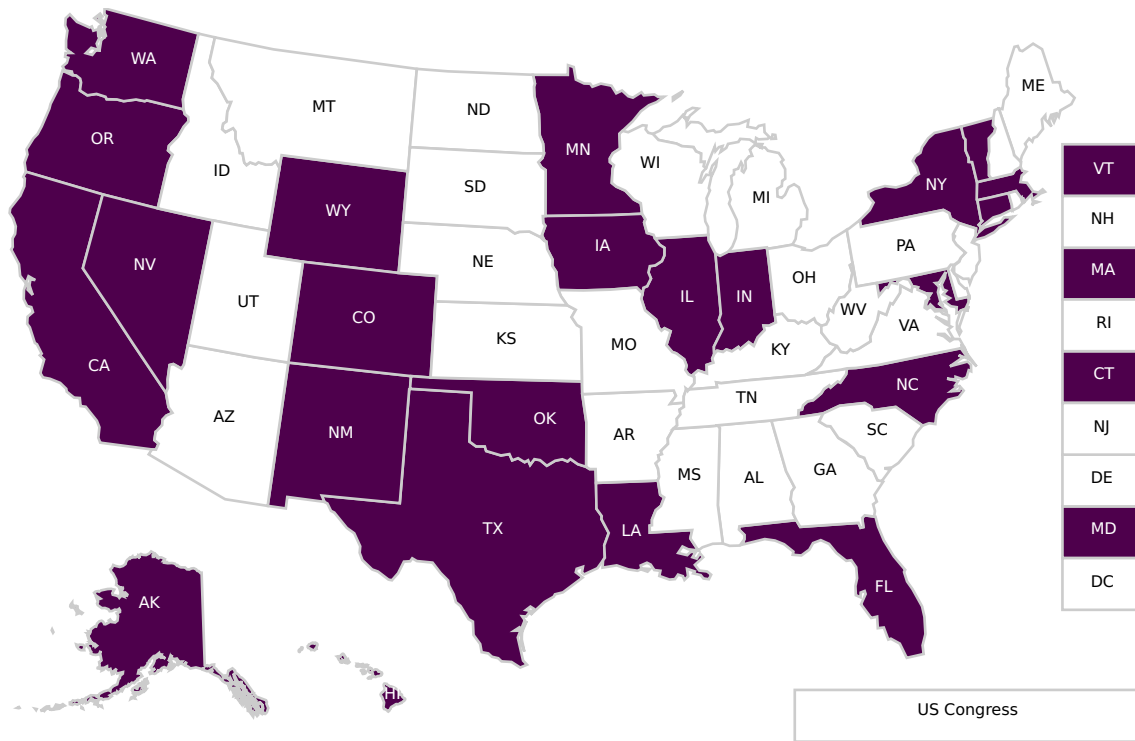




Climate Change Legislation August 2023

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Bills by State



Bills by Issue

Climate Change (90)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
AK	HB 49	H Heard Held 2023 05 03	In House	None	None	5.3% 60.6%

Title

"An Act authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to lease land for carbon management purposes; establishing a carbon offset program for state land; authorizing the sale of carbon offset credits; and providing for an effective date."

Primary Sponsors

HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 30, 2023, 2:29 PM
Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to lease land for carbon management purposes; establishes a carbon offset program for state land.

Last Team Action: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 28, 2023, 4:20 PM
Committee Hearing with Matthew Gallagher.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	AB 287	In Committee Held Under Submission 2023 05 18	In Assembly	None	None	36.7% 86.5%

Title

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: competitive grant programs: funding objectives.

Description

AB 287, as introduced, Garcia. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: competitive grant programs: funding objectives. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms in regulating these sources. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature. Existing law requires the moneys from the fund to be used to facilitate the achievement of reductions of greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the act and, where applicable and to the extent feasible, to maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the state, among other goals. This bill, beginning July 1, 2025, would require state agencies administering competitive grant programs that allocate moneys from the fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality, to provide for a specified application timeline, and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications. This bill, for competitive grant programs that involve housing, urban forestry, urban greening, or planning and that allocate moneys from the fund after July 1, 2025, would require state agencies administering those moneys from the fund to develop at least 3 categories for applications based on the population and density of the communities in which the proposed project is to be located and to develop scoring criteria for each category. This bill would additionally require the moneys in the fund to be used to facilitate the achievement of reductions of greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the act and, where applicable and to the extent feasible, to promote climate adaptation, accelerate the development of low-carbon technology and reduce vehicle miles traveled, and promote partnerships between jurisdictions and public agencies, Native American tribes in the state, nonprofits, and other community institutions, among other objectives. This bill also would require the Department of Finance to include in an annual report to the Legislature specified information on the applications received for each grant program allocating moneys from the fund.

Primary Sponsors

Eduardo Garcia

Bill Summary:

Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 3:40 PM
This bill would require the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be used to promote climate adaptation, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and promote partnerships between jurisdictions and public agencies, Native American tribes in the state, nonprofits, and other community institutions. For competitive grant programs that involve housing, urban forestry, urban greening, or planning, this bill would require state agencies administering those grants to develop at least 3 categories for applications based on the population and density of the communities in which the proposed project is to be located and to develop scoring criteria for each category.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-24

Title

California Recreational Trails and Greenways Act.

Description

AB 411, as amended, Bennett. California Recreational Trails and Greenways Act. Existing law establishes the Active Transportation Program in the Department of Transportation to encourage the increased use of active modes of transportation. Existing law provides that the program is funded by state and federal moneys through appropriations in the annual Budget Act and that certain moneys, excluding specified federal moneys for recreational trails projects appropriated to the Department of Parks and Recreation, are to be appropriated for that purpose. Existing law requires the Director of Parks and Recreation to cause to be prepared the California Recreational Trails System Plan, a comprehensive plan for the development and operation of a statewide system of recreation trails, as specified. The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. Under the act, if any moneys allocated pursuant to the act are not encumbered or expended by the recipient entity within the time period specified by the administering agency, the unexpended moneys are required to revert to the administering agency for allocation, as specified. Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters. This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish the California Recreational Trails and Greenways Program to, beginning in 2024, award competitive grants on a biennial basis for new, expanded, or improved public access opportunities through nonmotorized recreational trail creation, improvement, enhancement, and restoration projects. The bill would create the California Recreational Trails and Greenways Fund in the State Treasury, and would require that specified moneys, including, to the extent consistent with Proposition 68, unexpended Proposition 68 moneys that revert to the administering agency for allocation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be deposited into the fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be available for allocation by the department for purposes of the program, as specified. In order to reduce the financial burdens associated with frontloaded cost structures and match requirements, the bill would authorize the depa... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Steve Bennett

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 3:19 PM
Summary: Adds \$3m to annual Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund. The bill would also revise the types of projects eligible for funding by including natural surface trails, the conversion of rail corridors to trails, pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements at rail crossings, and roadside recreation. Opportunity: More funding for LA projects to lead on safety, recreation, biodiversity, and climate.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	AB 882	From Committee Do Pass And Re Refer To Com On Appr With Recommendation To Consent Calendar Ayes 10 Noes 0 July 10 Re Referred To Com On Appr 2023 07 11	In Senate	None	None	11.0% 74.5%

Title

Coastal resources: State Coastal Conservancy: advance payments.

Description

AB 882, as amended, Davies. Coastal resources: State Coastal Conservancy: advance payments. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the State Coastal Conservancy. Existing law authorizes the conservancy to award certain grants for specified purposes. Existing law establishes a pilot program, which is repealed on July 1, 2025, to explore possible improvements to the state’s existing advance payment practices for state-funded assistance grants. Existing law authorizes an administering state agency of a grant program to advance a payment to a recipient entity, which means a local agency or a nongovernmental entity that is awarded a grant by an administering state agency and with whom the administering state agency has entered into a contract pursuant to that grant, in accordance with specified procedures. These procedures include stipulating an advance payment structure and request process within the grant agreement or contract and ensuring that the advance payment to the recipient entity does not exceed 25% of the total grant amount awarded to the recipient entity, except in specified circumstances. This bill would permit the conservancy to authorize advance payments on a contract or grant awarded in accordance with the pilot program. The bill would repeal this authorization on the date the pilot program is repealed.

Primary Sponsors

Laurie Davies

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 16, 2023, 8:56 PM

Summary: Establishes a Climate Ready Program within the Natural Resources Agency's State Coastal Conservancy. Awards grants to agencies and nonprofits for projects to reduce emissions and to address extreme weather events, sea level rise, storm surge, flooding, and other coastal hazards that threaten communities, infrastructure, and natural resources. Grant selection prioritizes projects that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. Opportunity: Grant access; leadership on climate mitigation and adaptation, NBS-specific

Introduction Date: 2023-02-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	SB 272	From Committee Do Pass And Re Refer To Com On Appr Ayes 10 Noes 1 June 19 Re Referred To Com On Appr 2023 06 20	In Assembly	None	None	83.7% 77.9%

Title

Sea level rise: planning and adaptation.

Description

SB 272, as amended, Laird. Sea level rise: planning and adaptation. Existing law creates within the Ocean Protection Council the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative to provide state and regional information to the public and support to local, regional, and other state agencies for the identification, assessment, planning, and, where feasible, the mitigation of the adverse environmental, social, and economic effects of sea level rise within the coastal zone, as provided. This bill would require a local government, as defined, lying, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone, as defined, or within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as defined, to implement sea level rise planning and adaptation through either submitting, and receiving approval for, a local coastal program, as defined, to the California Coastal Commission or submitting, and receiving approval for, a subregional San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plan to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as applicable, on or before January 1, 2034, as provided. By imposing additional requirements on local governments, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require local governments that receive approval for sea level rise planning and adaptation on or before January 1, 2029, to be prioritized for sea level rise funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the implementation of projects in the local government's approved sea level rise adaptation plan. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2024, the California Coastal Commission, in close coordination with the Ocean Protection Council and the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative, to establish guidelines for the preparation of that planning and adaptation. The bill would also require, on or before December 31, 2024, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, in close coordination with the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, and the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative, to establish guidelines for the preparation of that planning and adaptation. The bill would make the operation of its provisions contingent upon an appropriation for its purposes by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made. (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

John Laird

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 4:39 PM
 Summary: Requires a state-mandated local program to adapt to sea level rise. The bill would require local governments that receive approval for sea level rise planning and adaptation on or before January 1, 2029, to be prioritized for funding. Opportunity: Increases local government demand for LA services and technical assistance. Prioritizes future funding for LA projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-31

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	SB 539	From Committee Do Pass And Re Refer To Com On Appr With Recommendation To Consent Calendar Ayes 11 Noes 0 June 26 Re Referred To Com On Appr 2023 06 27	In Assembly	None	None	78.7% 79.6%

Title

Sepulveda Basin: planning process: nature-based climate solutions.

Description

SB 539, as amended, Stern. Sepulveda Basin: planning process: nature-based climate solutions. The Regional Planning Law provides that the people of California have a fundamental interest in the orderly development of the urban regions of the state in which large segments of the state's population are concentrated. Existing law requires, in order to facilitate effective and harmonious planning and development of an area included in a regional planning district, all county and city legislative bodies, and all county, city, or other planning agencies within the regional planning district to file with the regional planning board, for its information, among other things, all published development plans. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Existing law authorizes the department, either independently or in cooperation with any person or any county, state, federal, or other agency, to collect hydrologic data necessary for river forecasting, to make forecasts of stream flow, to provide for flood warning, and to provide for communication necessary for the collection and dissemination of that information. Existing law authorizes the conservancy to award grants or make interest-free loans to cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and recreation and park districts for the purpose of restoring areas which, because of scattered ownerships, poor lot layout, inadequate lot size, inadequate park and open space, incompatible land uses, or other conditions, are adversely affecting the Santa Monica Mountains environment or are impeding orderly development. This bill would require the department and the conservancy to provide assistance to the City of Los Angeles and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to the extent requested, in order to integrate nature-based climate solutions, as defined, into the planning process for the Sepulveda Basin, as defined. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Sepulveda Basin.

Primary Sponsors

Henry Stern

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 8, 2023, 2:21 AM
 Summary: requires the department and the conservancy to provide assistance to the City of Los Angeles and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to the extent requested, in order to integrate nature-based solutions, as defined, into the planning process for the Sepulveda Basin.
 Opportunity: USACE engagement, advocate for LAs as leaders in NBS.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CO	SB 23-092	Governor Signed 2023 05 18	Enacted	None	None

Title

Agricultural Producers Use Of Agrivoltaics

Description

In support of the use of agrivoltaics, which is the integration of solar energy generation facilities with agricultural activities, section 2 of the bill authorizes the agricultural drought and climate resilience office (office) to award grants for new or ongoing demonstration or research projects that demonstrate or study the use of agrivoltaics. On or before October September 1, 2023, the office is required to convene a stakeholder group task force to advise on whether the office should impose any operational requirements for agrivoltaic projects that apply for grants conduct a study, in consultation with the department of agriculture, the Colorado energy office, and the division of parks and wildlife, to evaluate the opportunities and challenges associated with agrivoltaics in the state. On or before February 15, 2024, the task force is required to present the results of the study to the joint committee of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural matters. Section 4 authorizes the Colorado water conservation board (board), in consultation with the state engineer, the Colorado energy office, and the Colorado water institute, to finance a project to study the feasibility of using aquavoltaics, which are solar energy generation facilities placed over, or floating on, irrigation canals or reservoirs. Section 1 requires the director of the division of parks and wildlife to consult on the impacts on wildlife of: Any research projects for which the office awards money to study the use of agrivoltaics; and The project that the board finances to study the feasibility of using aquavoltaics in the state. Section 5 6 amends the statutory definition of "solar energy facility", used in determining the valuation of public utilities for property tax purposes, to include agrivoltaics and aquavoltaics. Section 3 requires the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee (commissioner), in consultation with the Colorado energy office, the air quality control commission, the natural and working lands task force, the Colorado state forest service, and an institution of higher education with expertise in climate change mitigation, adaptation benefits, and other environmental benefits related to agricultural research, to examine greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration opportunities in the agricultural sector, including soil health management practices, the use of dry digesters, and the potential for creating and offering a certified greenhouse gas offset program and credit instruments in the agricultural sector. Section 3 requires the commissioner to submit a progress report on the study to the general assembly on or before October 1, 2024, and a final report, including any recommendations, on or before October 1, 2025. Section ... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Cleave Simpson, Chris Hansen, Karen McCormick, Matt Soper

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 18, 2023, 2:41 PM

Summary: awards grants for new or ongoing projects that demonstrate or study the use of agrivoltaics, finances a project to study the feasibility of using aquavoltaics over or floating on irrigation canals or reservoirs, requires wildlife impact assessments, studies feasibility of voluntary GHG offset program for agriculture sector. Opportunity: work on decarbonizing agricultural lands, advise on integrating clean energy projects into ecologies at scale, steward a statewide carbon offset program.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-30

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	SB 214	Referred To Joint Committee On Environment 2023 01 17	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING FLOOD MITIGATION AND RESILIENCY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE.

Description

To mitigate flooding and associated damage caused by climate change.

Primary Sponsors

Herron Gaston

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 24, 2023, 10:14 PM

increase funding for infrastructure projects that reduce flooding and establish commissions to assess the risks of flooding and other climate change related dangers and recommend strategies for mitigation of such risks.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-17

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	SB 1144	Motion Failed Jfs Env 2023 03 24	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN FLOOD PREVENTION, CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EROSION CONTROL SYSTEMS.

Description

To establish authority for the state to take real property, by eminent domain and condemnation, for the construction of flood prevention, climate resilience or erosion control systems and grant authority for the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to establish and appoint interim flood prevention, climate resilience and erosion control boards for certain municipalities.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Environment Committee

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 5, 2023, 8:56 PM
Summary: Authorizes and defines the state's land acquisition abilities for purposes of flood prevention, erosion control, and climate resilience. For projects of state-wide significance, allows the Commissioner to establish an oversight board. Opportunity: LA either serves or advises board on nature-based infrastructure for stormwater management.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-28

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
FL	HB 1149	Died In Agriculture Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee 2023 05 05	Failed	None	None

Title

Carbon Sequestration

Description

Requires DACS to conduct study on carbon sequestration activities & programs & submit report to Legislature by specified date; provides appropriation.

Primary Sponsors

Ralph Massullo, House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 21, 2023, 7:30 PM

Summary: Directs the Department of Agriculture to make recommendations for a state level exchange program to assist agricultural producers in participating in carbon sequestration activities, as well as legislative recommendations for the creation of a program. Opportunity: advocacy to legislature, advisory to DoA; climate mitigation, sustainable agriculture

Introduction Date: 2023-02-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
FL	SB 1686	Laid On Table Companion Bill S Passed See Cs Cs Hb 1489 Ch 2023 272 Sj 580 2023 04 27	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Designation of Brevard Barrier Island Area as an Area of Critical State Concern

Introduction Date: 2023-03-03

Description

Creating the "Brevard Barrier Island Area Protection Act"; designating the Brevard Barrier Island Area as an area of critical state concern; providing guiding principles for development within the area; requiring the state land planning agency to submit an annual report to the commission, etc.

Primary Sponsors

Tom Wright, Environment, Senate Rules Committee, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 332	Passed Second Reading As Amended In Hd 1 And Referred To The Committee S On Fin With None Voting Aye With Reservations None Voting No 0 And Representative S Kitagawa Excused 1 2023 02 14	In House	Support	High	65.3% 64.0%

Title

Relating To The Department Of Education.

Description

Establishes the shade and fruit tree program in the department of education to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees or fruit trees for planting in department schools. Appropriates funds for the program and to establish an arborist position. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Bill Summary: Last edited by Bradley Rawls at Feb 2, 2023, 10:16 PM
Would establish the shade and fruit tree program beginning on 1/1/2024 in the department of education to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees and fruit trees for planting in department schools. Would provide that tree "inventory will be used to identify schools with few trees and allow landscape architects to identify good spots for new trees."

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

Primary Sponsors

Lisa Marten, Terez Amato, Cory Chun, Elle Cochran, Andrew Garrett, Cedric Gates, Troy Hashimoto, Daniel Holt, Natalia Hussey-Burdick, Linda Ichiyama, Jeanne Kapela, Darius Kila, Nicole Lowen, Mark Nakashima, Scott Nishimoto, Amy Perruso, Mahina Poepoe, Jenna Takenouchi, Adrian Tam, Chris Todd, Justin Woodson

Labels: Trees

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 770	Referred To Wal Fin Referral Sheet 3 2023 01 30	In House	None	None	55.7% 65.8%

Title

Relating To Coastal Zone Management.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-23

Description

Includes the establishment of a consistent and balanced framework for developing and implementing sea level rise adaptation strategies as an objective of the Coastal Zone Management Program. Includes the promotion of research, study, and understanding of the suitability and impacts of different sea level rise adaptation as a policy of the Coastal Zone Management Program. Includes the maintenance of a balance between public and private interests in implementing sea level rise adaptation and consideration of all appropriate sea level rise adaptations as policies of the Coastal Zone Management Program. Includes as a policy of the Coastal Zone Management Program that any construction on shoreline be allowed if it is determined to preserve, protect, or rehabilitate the beach of be considered vital development. Requires the County Planning Commission to allow proposed development within the shoreline area and within the sea level rise exposure area under certain circumstances. Prohibits any policy or guideline for setting special area use permit application procedures that has the effect of a rule without complying with the rulemaking process. Preempts any rule, policy, or guideline inconsistent with the Special Management Area Guidelines. Allows counties to require that shoreline setback lines be established at greater distances in certain circumstances. Provides that no variance be denied for maintenance, renovation, or repair of a lawful nonconforming structure with exceptions.

Primary Sponsors

Linda Ichiyama

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 240	Referred To Edu Aen Wam 2023 01 23	In Senate	Support	High	3.1% 68.4%

Title

Relating To The Department Of Education.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Bradley Rawls at Feb 2, 2023, 10:18 PM

Establishes the shade and fruit tree program beginning on 1/1/2024 in the department of education to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees and fruit trees for planting in department schools. Appropriates funds for the program and to establish an arborist position.

Description

Establishes the shade and fruit tree program beginning on 1/1/2024 in the department of education to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees and fruit trees for planting in department schools. Appropriates funds for the program and to establish an arborist position.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-19

Labels: Trees

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Kidani

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 510	Referred To Wtl Wam 2023 01 25	In Senate	None	None	12.3% 65.1%

Title
Relating To Infrastructure.

Description
Establishes a Dam and Reservoir Working Group to ensure and enhance the continued availability and operation of dams and reservoirs in the State.

Primary Sponsors
Mike Gabbard, Henry Aquino, Stanley Chang, Donovan Dela Cruz, Gil Keith-Agaran, Angus McKelvey, Karl Rhoads

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 9, 2023, 6:23 PM
Summary: establishes a dam and reservoir working group to review state laws and recommend actions to be taken to enhance viability of infrastructure. Group will focus on flood safety, potability, hydro power, and ecology. Opportunity: LAs advocate to serve on working group.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 521	Referred To Cmv Wal Fin Referral Sheet 17 2023 03 09	In House	None	None	88.3% 65.2%

Title
Relating To Military Land Use.

Description
Establishes a Surplus Military Land Task Force within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to plan for the remediation and restoration of lands currently under federal control that are anticipated to be returned to the State, consider potential alternative uses, and identify any lands that should continue under federal control for the next ten years. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

Primary Sponsors
Mike Gabbard, Henry Aquino, Brenton Awa, Stanley Chang

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 9, 2023, 6:26 PM
Summary: establishes a surplus military land task force to to plan for the remediation and restoration of soon-to-be former bases and to consider potential alternative land uses. Opportunity: LA to serve on task force; remediate brownfields, facilitate community development.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 965	Passed Second Reading As Amended In Hd 1 And Referred To The Committee S On Fin With None Voting Aye With Reservations None Voting No 0 And Representative S Ilagan Excused 1 2023 03 24	In House	None	None	82.4% 66.1%

Title
Relating To Green Transportation Infrastructure.

Description
Establishes green infrastructure objectives and policies for transportation systems, infrastructure, and projects. Establishes the green transportation infrastructure task force to examine, evaluate, and develop policies for the design, implementation, and maintenance of green transportation infrastructure. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Primary Sponsors
Chris Lee, Stanley Chang, Gil Keith-Agaran, Angus McKelvey

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 9, 2023, 5:50 PM
Summary: establishes objectives and policies for transportation systems and projects to incorporate green infrastructure. Also establishes a task force to examine, evaluate, and develop best practices for the department of transportation. Opportunity: LAs can serve on task force; work on stormwater, urban heat island, multimodal systems.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 1006	Report Adopted Passed Second Reading As Amended Sd 1 And Referred To Wam 2023 02 15	In Senate	None	None	6.5% 67.3%

Title
Relating To Coastal Roads.

Description
Appropriates funds for the Department of Transportation to engage climate change adaptation measures for the State's low-lying roads and highways. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Primary Sponsors
Karl Rhoads, Gil Keith-Agaran

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 24, 2023, 9:30 PM
Appropriates \$500 million in funds for the department of transportation to engage in necessary climate change adaptation for the State's coastal roads and highways.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HI	SB 1024	Act 226 07 05 2023 Gov Msg No 1329 2023 07 05	Enacted	None	None

Title
Relating To Transportation.

Description
Establishes long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation in Hawaii and abroad to reduce and eliminate transportation emissions. Establishes the clean ground transportation working group and the interisland and clean transportation working group. Requires reports to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2023. (CD1)

Primary Sponsors
Chris Lee

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 24, 2023, 9:21 PM
Establishes the ground transportation and interisland and transpacific transportation working groups to achieve zero-emission transportation. Working groups will comprise "relevant stakeholders, as recommended by the working group."

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IA	HF 684	Introduced Referred To Judiciary 2023 03 27	In House	Support	None	3.8% 67.9%

Title
A bill for an act relating to carbon dioxide sequestration, making an appropriation, and including effective date provisions.

Primary Sponsors
Chuck Isenhardt

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 7, 2023, 5:38 PM
Summary: appropriates \$12.5 million for the assessment of the geological capacity and feasibility of sequestering industrial carbon emissions. Requires permit applicants to "demonstrate that there is no less costly, less burdensome, or more efficient alternative to sequester carbon dioxide than the pipeline company's application for a permit." Opportunity: Section 2 increases the possibility of green infrastructure alternatives for carbon sequestration

Introduction Date: 2023-03-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IL	SB 1701	Sent To The Governor 2023 06 16	Passed House	None	None	96.3% 85.3%

Title

Soil & Water Conservation Dist

Description

Amends the State Finance Act. Adds uses for which the Partners for Conservation Fund and the Partners for Conservation Projects Fund may be used, and adds amounts that will be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund until 2033 (rather than ending in 2023). Provides that the Partners for Conservation Fund is eligible to receive grants, gifts, and awards from any public or private entity for the purpose of expanding financial and technical assistance in order to advance nutrient loss reduction efforts within priority watersheds. Amends the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act. Changes the definition of "soil health", and adds other definitions. Creates the Illinois Healthy Soils and Watersheds Initiative to improve the health of soils and the function of watersheds through efforts that support the implementation of the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, reduce nutrient loss, improve soil and water quality, protect drinking water, increase the resilience of ecosystems to extreme weather events, protect and improve agricultural productivity, and support aquatic and wildlife habitat. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall adopt and revise guidelines to assist soil and water conservation districts in determining local goals and needs for implementing soil health and watershed conservation projects consistent with the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and, after adoption, water conservation districts shall develop its own goals and needs assessment. Includes provisions about compliance and standards cost sharing, Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy alignment for State-owned, State-managed, and State-leased agricultural lands, and Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy reports. Effective immediately. Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes the following changes in the provisions regarding the Partners for Conservation Fund and the Partners for Conservation Projects Fund in the State Finance Act: provides that the Funds may be used to support (rather than implement) the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy; removes new purposes that the Funds may be used for relating to the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, grants to support soil and water conservation districts, and development of a Healthy Soils and Watersheds AmeriCorps program; provides that the use of moneys of the Funds for implementation of a crop insurance premium discount program must be used for a State-level implementation; removes added amounts that would have been transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund; and removes provisions allowing the Fund to receive grants, gifts, and awards from any public or private entit... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Ram Villivalam, Doris Turner, Jason Plummer, Thomas Bennett, Mike Kelly, Sonya Harper

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 18, 2023, 2:27 PM

Summary: Creates the Illinois Healthy Soils and Watersheds Initiative to improve the health of soils and the function of watersheds through efforts that support the implementation of the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, reduce nutrient loss, improve soil and water quality, protect drinking water, increase the resilience of ecosystems to extreme weather events, protect and improve agricultural productivity, and support aquatic and wildlife habitat. Opportunity: enhance nature-based carbon sequestration, enhance ecosystems that are critical to climate resilience

Introduction Date: 2023-02-08

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IL	SB 1857	Rule 3 9 A Re Referred To Assignments 2023 03 31	In Senate	None	None	89.2% 72.6%

Title

Justice40 Oversight Committee

Introduction Date: 2023-02-09

Description

Creates the Justice40 Oversight Committee Act. Establishes the Justice40 Oversight Committee. Provides that the Justice40 Oversight Committee shall make findings, conclusions, and recommendations regarding environmental justice in this State and uses of federal funds provided to the State for environmental justice. Requires the Justice40 Oversight Committee to submit reports delineating the Oversight Committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the General Assembly by specified dates. Contains requirements for the appointment of voting and nonvoting members of the Oversight Committee. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately. Provides that the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate (rather than the Speaker of the House of Representatives). Provides that the Vice-Chairperson of the Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (rather than the President of the Senate).

Primary Sponsors

Christopher Belt

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IL	SB 2357	Pursuant To Senate Rule 3 9 B Referred To Assignments 2023 06 26	In Senate	None	None	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 39.3% 77.4% </div>

Title

Forests-Wetlands-Prairies

Description

Creates the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the comprehensive plan and subject to appropriation, shall establish and administer a Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies, and to promote the growth of native vegetation that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help to mitigate the impact of climate change. Provides that units of local government are eligible to submit a grant proposal in a format and at a time prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that grants may be used by units of local government to fund: (1) local projects restoring or expanding forests, wetlands, prairies, or other natural landscapes demonstrated to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; (2) education and marketing regarding local projects or steps community members may take to promote the growth of native vegetation that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and (3) any other purpose approved by the Department of Natural Resources that advances the State goal that there be no overall net loss of the State's existing forest, prairie, or wetland acres or their functional value due to State-supported activities. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act and the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Provides that counties, townships, and municipalities are encouraged to plant trees and native prairie grasses along roadways and other practical areas to forward the goal of introducing more carbon-absorbing foliage to communities for the purpose of mitigating the effects of climate change. Provides that grants from the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program may be used by units of local government to fund local projects along roadways and parks by planting trees and prairie grasses demonstrated to absorb carbon. Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill. Deletes provisions that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that eligible entities for the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program include: (1) units of State and local government, including, but not limited to, State agencies, municipalities, townships, counties, forest preserves, and park districts; (2) conservation land trusts; (3) not-for-profit e... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Rachel Ventura, Laura Ellman

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 17, 2023, 5:08 PM

Summary: Establishes a Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to fund local government projects that promote the growth of native vegetation that remove CO2. Also authorizes grants to local nonprofit organizations for the purposes of development, maintenance and study of natural landscapes in climate mitigation. Opportunity: grant access; climate leadership; community engagement.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-10

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
IN	HB 1604	First Reading Referred To Committee On Environmental Affairs 2023 01 19	Failed sine die	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-19
Climate change studies.

Description
Creates a commission to study the impact of climate change in Indiana and annually report findings and recommendations to the legislative council and the governor from December 1, 2023, to December 1, 2027.

Primary Sponsors
Carey Hamilton, Ed Clere, Sharon Negele, Victoria Wilburn

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
LA	HB 384	Read By Title Failed To Pass By A Vote Of 1 Yeas And 38 Nays Motion To Reconsider Tabled 2023 06 04	Failed	None	None

Title
ENERGY: Provides relative to the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act

Primary Sponsors
Jack McFarland

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 18, 2023, 2:17 PM
Summary: Clarifies that energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting may be considered renewable and carbon neutral. Further provides that when paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, it is considered carbon negative.
Opportunity: elevates LAs in state's pursuit of carbon reduction; work on climate mitigation in energy, nature-based carbon sequestration, sustainable agriculture.

Last Team Action: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at May 8, 2023, 5:07 PM
Committee Hearing with Matthew Gallagher.
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs

Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 750	Hearing Scheduled For 05 17 2023 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In A 2 2023 05 10	In House	None	None	95.5% 86.4%

Title

An Act establishing sustainable and equitable funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation

Description

By Representatives Blais of Deerfield and Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 750) of Natalie M. Blais, Patricia A. Duffy and others relative to establishing sustainable and equitable funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Natalie Blais, Pat Duffy

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 5:58 PM
Summary: establishes a Climate & Community Resilience Fund. Requires a focus on communities with significant populations of low-income people, black, indigenous, and people of color, and people who have faced disproportionate burdens from environmental injustices. Establishes an independent board to govern the fund. Board is directed to award funds to community-led projects. Opportunity: LA projects to advance climate security, environmental justice. LAs can lead on community engagement. LAs can serve on the board.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 775	Hearing Scheduled For 05 17 2023 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In A 2 2023 05 10	In House	None	None	94.5% 92.4%

Title

An Act to protect coastal resources

Description

By Representative Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Josh S. Cutler and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish the Massachusetts coastal erosion innovation center and to protect coastal resources. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Josh Cutler

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 5:44 PM
Summary: Establishes the Massachusetts Coastal Erosion Innovation Center, whose purpose is to develop innovative means, methods, technologies and approaches for protecting and strengthening the resilience of the state's coastal shoreline. An advisory group is created in connection to the Center. The Center receives permit applications for coastal zone projects. Opportunity: publicly-employed LAs may have role in Center. LAs would qualify for advisory group seats. LAs can apply for permits through the center.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 904	Senate Concurred 2023 02 16	In House	None	None	26.1% 90.4%

Title

An Act relative to increased protection of wildlife management areas

Description

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 904) of Danillo A. Sena and others relative to wildlife management areas. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Sena

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 6:02 PM
Summary: Establishes a Wildlife Management Area Nature Reserves Council, which aims to permanently preserve a minimum of 30% of all Wildlife Management Area lands. Opportunity: LAs can serve on the council. LA projects will be in high demand to reach and maintain this conservation goal.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3161	Hearing Scheduled For 05 19 2023 From 10 00 Am 01 00 Pm In A 2 2023 05 16	In House	None	None	96.5% 79.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

An Act strengthening Massachusetts as the national leader in offshore wind

Description

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3161) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to offshore wind. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Primary Sponsors

Dylan Fernandes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3581	Hearing Scheduled For 05 17 2023 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In A 2 2023 05 10	In House	None	None	96.6% 80.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

An Act promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the Commonwealth

Description

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Hunt

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3675	Location Changed Hearing Scheduled For 07 13 2023 From 10 00 Am 04 00 Pm In Gardner Auditorium 2023 07 11	In House	None	None	97.3% 85.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

An Act to create a net-zero transportation financing commission

Description

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3675) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Christine P. Barber for legislation to establish a special commission on transportation finance for achieving net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Ciccolo

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	HD 1899	Senate Concurred 2023 03 30	In House	None	None	97.5% 82.1%

Title

An Act promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the Commonwealth

Description

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Hunt

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 5:53 PM
 Summary: promotes nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the commonwealth. Opportunity: bill text still in draft stages, so LAs may be able to influence. Once text is final, LA projects will be promoted.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	HD 3274	Senate Concurred 2023 03 30	In House	None	None	96.2% 83.8%

Title

An Act to create a net-zero transportation financing commission

Description

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3675) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Christine P. Barber for legislation to establish a special commission on transportation finance for achieving net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Ciccolo

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 5:52 PM
 Summary: Establishes a special commission on transportation finance for "net zero by 2050" to make recommendations on the deployment of public transportation pricing, roadway pricing, and congestion pricing to further the climate goals of the Commonwealth. Opportunity: Advocacy to place LA on the commission.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	HD 3399	Referred To The Committee On Transportation 2023 07 26	In House	None	None	96.0% 91.6%

Title

An Act relative to transportation resiliency planning

Description

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4018) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to transportation resiliency planning. Transportation.

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Ciccolo

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jul 31, 2023, 3:38 PM
 All regional transit authorities shall complete a vulnerability assessment and an adaptation cost assessment, materials to be reviewed every 2 years.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-26

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	HD 3969	Senate Concurred 2023 02 16	In House	None	None	98.0% 83.5%

Title

An Act strengthening Massachusetts as the national leader in offshore wind

Description

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3161) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to offshore wind. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Primary Sponsors

Dylan Fernandes

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 6:17 PM
 Summary: Exempts offshore wind projects from regional planning agency review process. Allocates \$200m to the Massachusetts Offshore Wind Industry Investment Fund. Specifies criteria for competitive bid process, including a numeric score for each bid's economic development commitments and for plans for wildlife and habitat monitoring. Preference given to proposals that score well on environmental and socioeconomic impacts, meaningful consultation with impacted environmental and socioeconomic stakeholders. Establishes an advisory council on offshore wind wildlife habitat management. The advisory council provides input on best practices for wildlife, coastal and marine habitats, and natural resources and ecosystems. Opportunity: Funds and expedites LA projects on climate mitigation, coastal zones, environmental justice, biodiversity conservation. LAs can serve on ecosystem advisory council.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	HD 4161	Referred To The Committee On House Rules 2023 04 06	In House	None	None	57.6% 82.5%

Title

An Act of improving environmental justice in Black communities

Description

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs be authorized to conduct an environmental audit of environmental justice neighborhoods. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Christopher Worrell

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 16, 2023, 8:42 PM
 Summary: Directs the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to identify areas of environmental injustice and establish Green Zones in response. Green Zones will receive support in the forms of technical assistance and planning grants to mitigate, redress and eliminate environmental burdens. Opportunity: Advocate to executive office of EA; lead EJ community engagement; grants for sustainability projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-04-06

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	S 452	House Concurred 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	42.3% 82.6%

Title

An Act establishing the Municipal Reforestation Program

Description

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 452) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Patrick M. O'Connor, Steven Owens, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the municipal reforestation program. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Cindy Creem

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 6:43 PM
 Summary: Establishes an Urban Forest Advisory Council. Explicitly creates seats for LAs. Council provides technical assistance to participating entities for implementing the program. Opportunity: LAs serve on council, lead on urban tree canopy, climate mitigation and resilience, community engagement, natural infrastructure and biodiversity.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

Labels: Trees

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	SD 1700	House Concurred 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	12.7% 89.0%

Title

An Act to promote natural carbon sequestration

Description

By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 537) of Susan L. Moran, Jack Patrick Lewis, Marc R. Pacheco, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote natural carbon sequestration. Environment and Natural Resources.

Primary Sponsors

Susan Moran

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 5:48 PM
 Summary: Requires a quantified net-positive state-wide carbon sequestration goal for natural and working lands. Special consideration given to coastal sites. Opportunity: LAs can assist in the planning and quantification of the sequestration goal. Once determined, LA projects will be in high demand to reach the goal. Advocacy opportunity to explicitly reference landscape architecture.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MD	HB 310	Hearing 2 15 At 1 00 P M Environment And Transportation 2023 01 27	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Environment and Energy - Investment in Communities With Low- to Moderate-Income Households

Description

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before December 1, 2023, to develop certain policies and recommendations to require at least 40% of overall spending on certain programs, projects, or investments to benefit communities with low- to moderate-income households, starting with fiscal year 2025; requiring the Department to conduct public information-gathering sessions in different areas of the State to solicit input; etc.

Primary Sponsors

Sandy Rosenberg

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 9:49 PM
 Requires that at least 40 percent of spending through programs of the Department of the Environment targets low-income households. Programs relate to green infrastructure, clean transportation, and climate adaptation.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MD	SB 250	Hearing 2 09 At 1 00 P M 2023 01 25	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement

Description

Requiring each county to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change in the county; requiring each county to submit its plan to the Department of the Environment for review and feedback on or before June 1, 2024; requiring the Department to provide feedback to each county on or before November 1, 2024; requiring each county to finalize its plan on or before January 1, 2025; and requiring each county to review and update its plan at least once every 3 years.

Primary Sponsors

Ben Kramer

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 3:13 PM
 Requires county plans to address climate change. Counties would be required to focus on public transit and transportation alternatives, EV charging stations, nature-based carbon sequestration, extreme heat reduction, and environmental justice

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	HF 597	Author Added Agbaje 2023 01 30	In House	None	None	5.7% 0.0%

Title

Grant program established to provide financial assistance to cities to address climate change, and money appropriated.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-19

Primary Sponsors

Larry Kraft, Samantha Vang, Patty Acomb, Cheryl Youakim, Lucy Rehm, Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Mary Frances Clardy, Athena Hollins, Ned Carroll, Robert Bierman, Jerry Newton, Zack Stephenson, Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Fue Lee, Heather Edelson, Cedrick Frazier, Kaela Berg, Liz Reyer, Jamie Becker-Finn, Josiah Hill, Nathan Coulter, Sandra Feist, Samantha Sencer-Mura, Dave Pinto, Andy Smith, Ginny Klevorn, Jay Xiong, Samakab Hussein, Brad Tabke, Esther Agbaje

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	HF 2881	Author Added Kozlowski 2023 05 01	In House	None	None	3.3% 0.0%

Title

Headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program established, and money appropriated.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-15

Primary Sponsors

Samantha Sencer-Mura, Kaohly Vang Her, Fue Lee, Alicia Kozlowski

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	SF 1562	Referred To Transportation 2023 02 13	In Senate	None	None	32.9% 0.0%

Title

Federal transportation grants technical assistance and match requirements appropriation

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 17, 2023, 4:46 PM

Summary: appropriates a total of \$258 million through 2027 for technical assistance and matching requirements necessary for federal transportation grants, with priority given to projects that address climate change through emissions reduction and infrastructure resilience. Opportunity: enhanced grant access; climate and resilience leadership; EJ component.

Primary Sponsors

Scott Dibble, Kelly Morrison, FOUNG Hawj, Jen McEwen, Kari Dziedzic

Introduction Date: 2023-02-13

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NC	SB 697	Ref To Com On Rules And Operations Of The Senate 2023 04 10	In Senate	Monitor	None	35.0% 76.8%

Title
Save the State's Coastal Resources.

Primary Sponsors
Tim Moffitt, Bobby Hanig

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at May 3, 2023, 5:22 PM
Summary: 10-year moratorium on permitting of offshore wind construction in state waters. Based on concern that the siting, construction, and operation of offshore wind power projects may adversely affect natural resources, scenic and aesthetic resources, and recreational and economic uses. The 10-year period is intended to allow the State to undergo a review of applicable State laws and rules to determine whether the existing offshore wind power regulatory framework adequately protects North Carolina's coastal resources. Opportunity: Advocacy for LAs to be explicitly required to be involved in the permitting of offshore wind projects. LAs have the unique skillset to reconcile the tension between energy production and resource interference. LA involvement may also be the key to expediting the permitting process.

Introduction Date: 2023-04-06

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NM	SB 5	Action Postponed Indefinitely 2023 01 25	Failed	None	None

Title
PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Primary Sponsors
Liz Stefanics, Liz Thomson

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 24, 2023, 10:09 PM
\$6.1 million for Public Health & Climate Resiliency Fund to for planning and project implementation grants to assist local communities in preparing for and responding to public health emergencies related to climate change and for facilitating meaningful engagement within communities determined by climate science as most likely to be harmed by extreme weather events.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-17

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NM	SB 169	Action Postponed Indefinitely 2023 02 10	Failed	None	None

Title
CLIMATE INVESTMENT CENTER & FUND

Primary Sponsors
Liz Stefanics, Kristina Ortez, Moe Maestas, Andrea Romero

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 17, 2023, 6:42 PM
Summary: Creates a Climate Investment Center to receive private and federal funds for projects in transportation, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction. Opportunity: funding access, advocacy to legislature and new center; reducing emissions via transportation design and supportive planning for clean energy.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-23

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NM	SB 241	Action Postponed Indefinitely 2023 01 25	Failed	None	None

Title
PROSPERITY & ECONOMIC RESILIENCE ACT

Primary Sponsors
George Munoz, Joe Cervantes

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 26, 2023, 2:34 PM
Creates several issue areas of funding: renovation, major repair, and maintenance of existing state assets; funding for infrastructure planning and design for projects; environmental, agricultural, and climate resiliency. Creates council to administer the funding; 9 public member seats on the council for LAs to fill.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NV	AB 71	No Further Action Taken 2023 06 06	Failed sine die	None	None

Title
Requires the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct an interim study concerning environmental justice. (BDR S-347)

Description
AN ACT relating to environmental justice; requiring the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct an interim study concerning environmental justice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Primary Sponsors
House Committee on Natural Resources

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 14, 2023, 2:55 PM
Summary: Requires the Division of Environmental Protection to study environmental justice, especially cumulative burdens. Authorizes the Division to contract with a private entity to conduct the study.
Opportunity: working in contract with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, EJ community engagement, climate and water planning, defining "meaningful engagement" more clearly.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-30

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NV	AB 131	Approved By The Governor Chapter 74 2023 05 30	Enacted	None	None

Title
Revises provisions governing urban and community forestry. (BDR 47-720)

Description
AN ACT relating to forestry; creating the Urban and Community Forestry Program within the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; setting forth the powers and duties of the State Forester Firewarden and the Division relating to the Program; authorizing the State Forester Firewarden to award grants to promote urban and community forestry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Primary Sponsors
Lesley Cohen, Howard Watts

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 14, 2023, 2:47 PM
Summary: creates the Urban and Community Forestry Program within the Division of Forestry and awards grants to State units, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations. Prioritizes projects that will improve carbon sequestration, food production, parks, and schoolyards. Provides for technical assistance in land use planning and implementation.
Opportunity: advocacy to legislature, collaboration with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, community engagement, federal nexus with Excess Urban Heat Mitigation Act.

Last Team Action: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 20, 2023, 3:53 PM
Meeting with Matthew Gallagher.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-09

Labels: Trees

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NV	SB 99	Chapter 401 2023 06 15	Enacted	None	None

Title

Makes an appropriation to the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program. (BDR S-592)

Description

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Primary Sponsors

Pete Goicoechea

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 14, 2023, 3:22 PM

Summary: Appropriates \$600,000 annually through FY25 to fund university cloud seeding program. Background -- <https://www.dri.edu/cloud-seeding-program/what-is-cloud-seeding/>
Opportunity: academic research, with potential water and stormwater management applications, geoen지니어ing for climate adaptation.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 1780	Referred To Transportation 2023 01 20	In Assembly	Support	High	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">4.0%79.0%</div>

Title

Imposes a highway use fee on outdoor advertising; establishes a New York state urban reforestation fund and makes provisions supporting urban forestry

Description

Imposes a highway use fee on outdoor advertising; establishes a New York state urban reforestation fund from fees imposed on outdoor advertising; makes provisions supporting urban forestry.

Primary Sponsors

Karen McMahon

Bill Summary: Last edited by Elizabeth Hebron at Jan 21, 2023, 11:33 PM
Establishes a NY state urban reforestation fund. As part of the fund program, cities must establish an urban forestry plan and urban forestry planning capability which includes the services of a professional forester and/or licensed landscape architects, undertaking and maintaining an inventory, and undertaking tree planting, maintenance, removal and pruning.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-20

Labels: Green Infrastructure Trees

Organizational Notes

Last edited by Bradley Rawls at Jan 24, 2023, 5:41 PM
Should consider adding "landscape architect" to the definition section.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 3351	Print Number 3351 A 2023 05 12	In Assembly	None	None	26.3% 75.3%

Title

Establishes the climate change adaptation cost recovery program and the climate change adaptation fund

Description

Establishes the climate change adaptation cost recovery program to require companies that have contributed significantly to the buildup of climate-warming greenhouse gases in the atmosphere to bear a share of the costs of needed infrastructure investments to adapt to climate change; mandates that projects funded by the program require compliance with prevailing wage requirements; requires that contracts for funded projects contain a provision that the structural iron and structural steel used or supplied in the performance of the contract or any subcontract thereto shall be produced or made in whole or substantial part in the United States, its territories or possessions; makes additional provisions; and establishes the climate change adaptation fund.

Primary Sponsors

Jeffrey Dinowitz

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 4:07 PM
 Summary: Establishes a climate change adaptation cost recovery program. Projects include but are not limited to NBS and natural infrastructure; addressing urban heat island effects through green spaces, urban forestry; and responding to toxic algae blooms, loss of agricultural topsoil, and other climate-driven ecosystem threats to forests, farms, fisheries, and food systems. Opportunity: Funding for LA projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 4224	Referred To Energy 2023 02 13	In Assembly	None	None	5.3% 73.8%

Title

Establishes the natural carbon sequestration research program

Description

Establishes the natural carbon sequestration research program to develop innovative science-based solutions to facilitate sequestration of carbon in New York's natural and working lands.

Primary Sponsors

Anna Kelles

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 17, 2023, 4:37 PM
 Summary: establishes a natural carbon sequestration research program, with an emphasis on agricultural land. The program will focus on soil health, cropping systems, and agroforestry. Opportunity: students and faculty may participate in research on climate mitigation; as written, the bill favors Cornell University, but advocacy to the legislature could expand program to additional institutions.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-13

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 4306	Referred To Environmental Conservation 2023 02 14	In Assembly	None	None	3.0% 81.5%

Title

Relates to establishing a carbon dioxide emissions price for electric generation from carbon-based fuel and creating a carbon dioxide emissions fund

Description

Establishes a carbon dioxide emissions price for electric generation from carbon-based fuel; creates a carbon dioxide emissions fund.

Primary Sponsors

Amy Paulin

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 16, 2023, 9:05 PM
 Summary: Establishes the carbon dioxide emissions fund. 20% of the fund used to improve climate mitigation and adaptation in disadvantaged communities. 40% of the fund to support mass transit to reduce carbon emissions. Opportunity: climate leadership, EJ engagement

Introduction Date: 2023-02-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 5221	Substitute S 5186 Action Returned To Senate 2023 06 21	In Assembly	None	None	90.5% 76.1%

Title

Requires the department of environmental conservation to implement permit regulations and guidance regarding shoreline management

Description

Requires the department of environmental conservation to authorize and encourage the use of nature-based solutions as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines in the state; provides such solutions should be considered when promulgating and implementing rules and regulations relating to such.

Primary Sponsors

Steve Otis

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 14, 2023, 2:06 PM

Summary: identifies nature-based solutions as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines. Opportunity: advocacy to legislature, department of environmental conservation, and cooperation with USACE.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-21

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 1853	Reported And Committed To Finance 2023 03 28	In Senate	None	None	3.0% 86.9%

Title

Establishes the natural carbon sequestration research program

Description

Establishes the natural carbon sequestration research program to develop innovative science-based solutions to facilitate sequestration of carbon in New York's natural and working lands; provides funding for such program.

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Hinchey

Introduction Date: 2023-01-17

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 2129	Referred To Environmental Conservation 2023 06 07	In Assembly	None	None	44.9% 71.4%

Title

Establishes the climate change adaptation cost recovery program and the climate change adaptation fund

Introduction Date: 2023-01-18

Description

Establishes the climate change adaptation cost recovery program to require companies that have contributed significantly to the buildup of climate-warming greenhouse gases in the atmosphere to bear a share of the costs of needed infrastructure investments to adapt to climate change; mandates that projects funded by the program require compliance with prevailing wage requirements; requires that contracts for funded projects contain a provision that the structural iron and structural steel used or supplied in the performance of the contract or any subcontract thereto shall be produced or made in whole or substantial part in the United States, its territories or possessions; makes additional provisions; and establishes the climate change adaptation fund.

Primary Sponsors

Liz Krueger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 3335	Referred To Finance 2023 01 30	In Senate	None	None	11.6% 75.4%

Title

Establishes the office of flooding prevention and mitigation

Description

Establishes the office of flooding prevention and mitigation to manage and coordinate the work of task forces, commissions, and other bodies and programs tasked with examining issues related to flooding, to review and assess best practices and make recommendations regarding flood prevention and mitigation, and to assist municipalities in developing strategies and policies to combat flooding.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 3:54 PM
Summary: Establishes the Office of Flooding Prevention and Mitigation to advise and assist the governor in developing policies, coordinate state and municipal programs, conduct studies and reports, promulgate information and engage communities, and update best practices to account for climate change. Opportunity: LA could be hired as office director, potentially other position.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-30

Primary Sponsors

Shelley Mayer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 4125	Referred To Environmental Conservation 2023 02 03	In Senate	None	None	6.0% 74.1%

Title

Establishes the New York state reforest, restore and sustainable agriculture commission

Description

Establishes a temporary state commission to be known as the New York state reforest, restore and sustainable agriculture commission to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the reforestation and restoration of forests and ecological habitats in the state of New York.

Primary Sponsors

James Sanders

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 7, 2023, 6:51 PM
 Summary: Establishes temporary state commission to facilitate reforestation and restoration of habitat. Focus on agricultural lands. Authorizes the to commission enter into any agreements necessary to advance its mission. Opportunity: LA can serve on commission. LA can enter into public-private agreement with the commission to complete projects in biodiversity and sustainable agriculture. Restored ecosystems enhance carbon sequestration and climate resilience.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-03

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 5186	Returned To Senate 2023 06 21	Passed Assembly	None	None	73.3% 78.4%

Title

Requires the department of environmental conservation to implement permit regulations and guidance regarding shoreline management

Description

Requires the department of environmental conservation to authorize and encourage the use of nature-based solutions as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines in the state; provides such solutions should be considered when promulgating and implementing rules and regulations relating to such.

Primary Sponsors

Shelley Mayer

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jun 5, 2023, 3:00 PM
 Summary: Authorizes and encourages the use of nature-based solutions as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines. Gives preference to a permit application for a shoreline management project based on nature-based solution design. Opportunity: Work with ACE, advocacy to legislature and department of environmental conservation.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-21

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 6106	Referred To Finance 2023 03 29	In Senate	None	None	15.9% 73.3%

Title

Establishes the climate relocation planning and preparation act

Description

Establishes the climate relocation planning and preparation act to prepare state government and regional planning councils for the possibility of increased in-migration to New York state due to climate change.

Primary Sponsors

Rachel May

Introduction Date: 2023-03-29

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OK	SB 852	Approved By Governor 06 07 2023 2023 06 07	Enacted	None	None

Title

Corporation Commission; providing for certain emission extraction; allowing Commission to obtain carbon credits for certain purpose. Emergency.

Primary Sponsors

Dave Rader, Brad Boles

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 31, 2023, 6:56 PM
Summary: Directs the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to promulgate advisory materials regarding carbon sequestration and storage, to identify areas of research, and to administer a carbon sequestration certification program. Commission appoints members of carbon sequestration stakeholder groups. Establishes a Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund. Opportunity: Increases public and private demand for LA services. Potential to LAs to serve on commission or working groups.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	HB 2989	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to renewable energy development; and prescribing an effective date.

Description

Directs State Department of Energy and Department of Land Conservation and Development to convene work group to examine barriers, opportunities and other issues related to renewable energy and transmission project siting in Oregon. Directs departments to submit report on work group's findings and recommendations to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2024. Appropriates moneys to departments, out of General Fund, for purposes of convening work group and carrying out duties related to examination and reporting. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Primary Sponsors

Pam Marsh

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 26, 2023, 9:23 PM

Summary: Directs State Department of Energy and Department of Land Conservation and Development to convene work group to examine barriers, opportunities and other issues related to renewable energy and transmission project siting in Oregon. Opportunity: advocacy to legislature for LA-explicit reference in bill text; engage departments with substantive advice and technical assistance on implementation; project topics: EJ and habitat protection.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	HB 3016	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to green infrastructure; and declaring an emergency.

Description

Establishes Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program. Authorizes Department of Land Conservation and Development to appoint Advisory Committee on Community Green Infrastructure Investment. Establishes Community Green Infrastructure Fund. Establishes Community Green Infrastructure Task Force.] Directs State Department of Agriculture to certify certain nurseries as green communities nurseries. Directs State Forestry Department to acquire and maintain urban tree canopy assessment tool. Directs department to develop emerald ash borer assistance program] and implement program for technical and financial assistance for planning, response and recovery activities related to loss of tree canopy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Primary Sponsors

Michael Dembrow, Mark Gamba, Pham

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 27, 2023, 1:25 PM

Summary: Establishes Community Green Infrastructure Task Force to implement program for technical and financial assistance for planning, response, and recovery activities related to loss of tree canopy. Opportunity: advocacy to legislature for explicit inclusion of landscape architect position on task force

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	HB 3113	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to highway safety; and declaring an emergency.

Description

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation, for biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for improving safety and increasing access to walking, biking and transit on state highways that serve as community main streets. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

Primary Sponsors

Susan McLain

Introduction Date: 2023-01-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	HB 3159	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to funding to support species conservation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 320.305, 320.335, 496.303 and 496.571; prescribing an effective date; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

Description

Increases state transient lodging tax. Changes name of Oregon Conservation Strategy Subaccount to Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund Subaccount. Transfers moneys attributable to increase of state transient lodging tax to Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund Subaccount. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Primary Sponsors

Ken Helm

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 30, 2023, 2:23 PM Establishes the Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund Subaccount within the general Fish and Wildlife Account. The fund will be used to promote, implement, revise or enhance conservation policies and to satisfy the nonfederal fund matching requirements for a conservation or restoration program.

Last Team Action: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 28, 2023, 4:25 PM Committee Hearing with Matthew Gallagher.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-26

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	HB 3490	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to natural climate solutions; and prescribing an effective date.

Description

Establishes state policy regarding natural climate solutions. Establishes Natural and Working Lands Fund and provides for transfer of moneys from fund to certain state agencies. Prescribes uses of moneys from fund and requires Oregon Global Warming Commission to report to legislature on uses of moneys from fund. Directs State Department of Energy and commission to prepare baseline, activity-based metrics and community impact metrics for net biological carbon sequestration in natural and working lands and establish biological carbon sequestration goals. Directs State Department of Energy, in coordination with commission, to study workforce training programs needed to support adoption of natural climate solutions and provide results to committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than September 15, 2024. Authorizes commission to appoint natural and working lands advisory committee. Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish competitive grant program for equipment to support soil health practices. Requires use of wood products certified by Forest Stewardship Council in public improvement contract for construction or renovation of public building. Requires Department of State Lands to require managed grazing techniques in lease of common school grazing lands on or after effective date of Act. Directs State Forester to consider impact of climate change in determinations of greatest permanent value of managed forest lands. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. .

Primary Sponsors

Mark Gamba

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 5, 2023, 8:46 PM Summary: Establishes a Natural and Working Lands Fund for NBS to climate change. The fund includes an advisory committee and competitive grant program. Bill also requires use of certified wood products in contracts for construction or renovation of public buildings. Opportunity: grant program access; climate change mitigation; increased public demand for design services related to forested lands.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-28

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	SB 88	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to biological carbon sequestration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 468A.260; and prescribing an effective date.

Description

Establishes state policy to increase net carbon sequestration and storage in natural and working lands. Requires certain agencies to monitor progress advancing state net carbon sequestration and storage policy and report findings to Oregon Global Warming Commission. Directs commission to appoint natural and working lands advisory committee. Directs certain agencies to develop natural and working lands net carbon sequestration and storage inventory. Directs certain agencies to prepare net carbon sequestration and storage baseline and activity-based metrics and community impact metrics for net carbon sequestration and storage in natural and working lands. Directs commission to accept or modify metrics and submit report, providing adopted metrics and recommendations for legislation, to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than September 15, 2024. Directs Institute for Natural Resources, in coordination with commission, to study workforce and economic development potential of strategies to increase net carbon sequestration and storage in natural and working lands and provide results to committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than April 15, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 12, 2023, 7:01 PM

Summary: Establishes state policy to increase net carbon sequestration and storage in natural and working lands. Appoints a natural and working lands advisory committee. Establishes incentive-based programs for private stakeholders. Affects: forests, woodlands, grasslands, sagebrush steppes, deserts, freshwater and riparian systems, wetlands, coastal and estuarine areas, parks, trails, greenbelts, and other similar open space lands. Opportunity: advocate to and/or serve on the committee; NBS climate mitigation, EJ

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
OR	SB 580	In Committee Upon Adjournment 2023 06 25	Failed	None	None

Title

Relating to climate rules for land use planning; and declaring an emergency.

Description

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend statewide planning goals to address equity, engagement with underserved populations and climate change. Requires commission to update rules adopted in response to Governor's executive order on climate. Prohibits enforcement of climate rules until updated. Sunsets January 2, 2028. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Primary Sponsors

Floyd Prozanski

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 12, 2023, 6:43 PM

Summary: Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend statewide planning goals to address equity, engagement with underserved populations and climate change. Requires commission to update rules adopted in response to Governor's executive order on climate. "Climate rules" relate to parking mandates, reduced-vehicle areas, transportation planning, electric vehicle infrastructure or housing density. Opportunity: advocacy to legislature and the Commission; transportation planning and design.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 846	Referred To Environmental Regulation 2023 03 01	Failed sine die	None	None

Title
Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council.

Primary Sponsors
Ron Reynolds

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 5, 2023, 8:40 PM
Summary: Establishes the the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council to study the impact of climate change on HSW. Bill language currently calls for 7 public members of the council, including "one member with expertise in land management." The council would also research measures and recommend state legislation for preventing or mitigating the effects of flooding, erosion, drought, and wildfires. Opportunity: serve on the council, affect state policymaking on climate change; public engagement component; demonstrate HSW expertise.

Introduction Date: 2022-12-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 3326	Referred To State Affairs 2023 03 15	Failed sine die	None	None

Title
Relating to the development of an extreme weather adaptation plan by certain entities.

Primary Sponsors
Vikki Goodwin

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 5, 2023, 8:33 PM
Summary: Requires the state DOT, Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Parks and Wildlife Department, and Water Development to publish an extreme weather adaptation plan that will assess the entity's role with respect to drought, flooding, and other extreme weather conditions. Opportunity: Climate adaptation planning; advising these state government entities

Introduction Date: 2023-03-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 4018	Effective On 9 1 23 2023 06 02	Enacted	None	None

Title
Relating to the use of Parks and Wildlife Department land for carbon sequestration or similar ecosystem services projects.

Primary Sponsors
Trent Ashby, Ann Johnson, Josey Garcia, Lois Kolkhorst

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 18, 2023, 2:23 PM
Summary: The department may enter into an agreement with a public or private entity for the purpose of developing a nature-based carbon sequestration or similar ecosystem services project on department land. Money received by the department from a project will go to either the game, fish, and water safety account or the state parks account. Opportunity: direct work on carbon sequestration, secondary work on parks or recreation projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-08

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 4792	Referred To State Affairs 2023 03 22	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Relating to establishing the Texas Carbon Emissions Mitigation and Severe Weather Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of carbon emissions and severe weather in this state.

Primary Sponsors

Rafael Anchia

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Mar 21, 2023, 10:13 PM

Summary: Establishes the Carbon Emissions Mitigation and Severe Weather Adaptation Commission, which will develop strategies and policy recommendations. Emphasis on sea level rise. Opportunity: Position on, or contributions to, the commission; climate leadership, public engagement.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-10

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 101	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Transportation 2023 01 25	In House	None	None	3.2% 54.3%

Title

An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions

Primary Sponsors

Mollie Burke, Gabrielle Stebbins

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 9:34 PM

Creates the Legislative Regional Transportation Climate Initiative Working Group to study regional initiatives. Appropriates money for the Mobility and Transportation Innovation Grant Program, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, and eBike Incentive Program. Appropriates money to maintain zero-fare service on all urban public transit routes. Updates the State's complete streets policy and requires the Agency of Transportation to provide municipalities with training on complete streets. Amends the State's transportation planning policy related to greenhouse gas emissions and infrastructure resilience.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 105	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Government Operations And Military Affairs 2023 01 25	In House	None	None	3.2% 53.5%

Title

An act relating to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund

Primary Sponsors

Katherine Sims

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 9:40 PM

Establishes the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. The Department of Public Safety shall administer the program, which awards grants for: (A) technical assistance on natural disaster mitigation to municipalities; and (B) projects that implement disaster mitigation measures, including slope stabilization, watershed restoration, fuels mitigation, drought mitigation, and similar activities that directly reduce risks to communities, lives, and property. \$3 million allocated to the fund.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 124	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Commerce And Economic Development 2023 01 27	In House	None	None	3.3% 60.5%

Title
An act relating to promoting rural economic development capacity

Primary Sponsors
Laura Sabilia, Katherine Sims, Lisa Hango, Monique Priestley

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 27, 2023, 6:14 PM
Creates the Rural Infrastructure Assistance Program to support climate change mitigation and resiliency infrastructure projects. FY24 appropriations: \$3m.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	H 126	House Message Governor Allowed To Become Law Without Signature On June 12 2023 2023 06 20	Enacted	None	None

Title
An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection

Primary Sponsors
Amy Sheldon

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 1, 2023, 3:42 PM
Summary: establishes goals of 30% total land area and waters shall be conserved by 2030, and 50% by 2050. Requires the Secretary to develop a plan for achieving these goals. In developing the plan, the Secretary shall solicit input from various stakeholders. Opportunity: LAs can provide input for development of the plan. LA projects will be in demand for implementation of the plan.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-31

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 248	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Energy 2023 02 14	In House	None	None	4.3% 50.6%

Title
An act relating to creating a Vermont Climate Infrastructure Fund

Primary Sponsors
Kari Dolan, Gabrielle Stebbins

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 17, 2023, 3:50 PM
Summary: Establishes the Vermont Climate Infrastructure Fund, which will fund projects to improve watershed health and enhance sequestration and other ecosystem services on forest and agricultural land. Opportunity: Accessing funds for climate projects; advocacy to state Treasury.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	S 5	Delivered To Secretary Of State On May 24 2023 Pursuant To Vermont Constitution Chapter II Section 11 2023 05 12	Enacted	None	None

Title

An act relating to affordably meeting the mandated greenhouse gas reductions for the thermal sector through efficiency, weatherization measures, electrification, and decarbonization

Primary Sponsors

Chris Bray

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 18, 2023, 7:03 PM
 LA Opportunity: Green roofs to reduce thermal energy consumption
 Bill Summary: establishes the Clean Heat Standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the thermal sector. The Commission shall establish or adopt a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "Clean heat measure" means fuel and technologies delivered and installed to end-use customers in Vermont that reduce emissions. The Commission may adopt a list of acceptable actions that qualify as clean heat measures.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-06

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	S 53	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Economic Development Housing And General Affairs 2023 02 01	In Senate	None	None	4.0% 57.2%

Title

An act relating to the Vermont Climate Corps

Primary Sponsors

Kesha Ram Hinsdale

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 4:28 PM
 Summary: Establishes a Vermont Climate Corps for one-year service terms to help address critical health, public safety, educational, and environmental needs across the state. Project eligibility may include weatherization, environmental restoration, and other climate-related projects. \$5m appropriated, first cohort expected to begin in 2025.
 Opportunity: LA firms as volunteer hosts -- introduce and grow profession among young adults, low-cost support for firms' work, funds climate mitigation and adaptation projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	S 64	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Transportation 2023 02 07	In Senate	None	None	6.2% 53.7%

Title

An act relating to miscellaneous changes related to vehicles, infrastructure, and transportation planning

Primary Sponsors

Becca White

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 7, 2023, 4:36 PM
 Summary: requires improvements to highways safety for bicycle and pedestrian access. Ensures that complete streets principles "landscaping, and streetscaping" are incorporated. Emphasizes long-range multimodal transportation corridor planning in state Climate Action Plan. Opportunities: Advocacy to state Transportation and Natural Resource agencies. Work with agencies on implementing policy.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-07

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	S 136	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Natural Resources And Energy 2023 03 17	In Senate	None	None	7.5% 56.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-17
An act relating to addressing climate change

Primary Sponsors
Irene Wrenner

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	S 145	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Government Operations 2023 04 05	In Senate	None	None	12.5% 53.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-05
An act relating to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund

Primary Sponsors
Becca White

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
WA	HB 1735	Referred To Appropriations 2023 02 16	In House	None	None	4.4% 73.0%

Title
Adding net ecological gain as a voluntary element of comprehensive plans under the growth management act.

Primary Sponsors
Debra Lekanoff

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 3, 2023, 4:21 PM
Summary: Amends the Growth Management Act (1990) to include net ecological gain to absorb unforeseen carbon and restore a healthy ecosystem for salmon biomes. A city or county that chooses to pursue net-gain under its GMA plan will be eligible to apply for planning grant assistance of up to \$100,000. Opportunity: New funding for LA projects to lead on biodiversity and NBS climate mitigation.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
WA	SB 5095	Senate Rules X File 2023 03 10	Failed	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2022-12-23
Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.

Primary Sponsors
T'wina Nobles

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5380	Referred To Ways Means 2023 02 13	In Senate	None	None	2.1% 76.8%

Title
Concerning clean energy siting.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Nguyen

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 9:28 PM
Establishes an Interagency Clean Energy Siting Council, including participation from departments of Fish & Wildlife, Transportation, and Historic Preservation. Assigns new rules and directions for departments of Commerce and Ecology in the permitting process for clean energy projects.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5551	Executive Session Scheduled But No Action Was Taken In The Senate Committee On Agriculture Water Natural Resources Parks At 1 30 Pm 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	3.0% 77.1%

Title
Supporting Washington's crop and livestock farms, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and generating renewable energy by capturing methane.

Primary Sponsors
Sharon Shewmake

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 25, 2023, 3:24 PM
Financial support to agricultural producers for the development of site-specific conservation plans, providing financial assistance to implement best management practices that increase carbon sequestration in soil organic matter levels and standing vegetation. Grants for technical assistance on climate-smart livestock management practices, research. Creates multi-stakeholder advisory committee.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5688	Referred To Ways Means 2023 02 17	In Senate	None	None	4.5% 76.8%

Title
Providing carbon sequestration and ecosystem services in the management of public lands.

Primary Sponsors
Liz Lovelett

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Feb 7, 2023, 6:09 PM
Summary: Establishes a program to provide technical assistance to any state agency or local government seeking to develop an emissions offset credit market. Credits will be generated through the protection and restoration of public lands. Revenue from credit sales will go to a new aquatic lands enhancement account. Opportunity: LAs can engage with state agencies or local government units to grow the ecosystem service market. LAs can apply for grant funding under the new aquatic lands account. House version: WA HB 1789

Introduction Date: 2023-02-03

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
WY	HB 282	H Died In Committee Returned Bill Pursuant To Hr 5 4 2023 02 07	Failed	None	None

Title
Critical infrastructure resiliency.

Description
AN ACT relating to public utilities; creating the critical infrastructure resiliency initiative; specifying purposes for the initiative; creating the critical resilient infrastructure board; specifying members, duties and powers of the board; providing definitions; appropriating funds; and providing for an effective date.

Primary Sponsors
John Bear

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Jan 27, 2023, 6:10 PM
Creates a Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Board to develop capacity to prevent or reduce the severity of damage from natural disasters to critical infrastructure, including water and transit systems.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-26

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
WY	SF 142	H Died In Committee Returned Bill Pursuant To Hr 5 4 2023 02 24	Failed	None	None

Title
Carbon capture and sequestration.

Description
AN ACT relating to public utilities; providing requirements for the capture and use of carbon dioxide from coal-fired electric generation facilities; requiring public utilities to offer coal-fired electric generation facilities for sale for purposes of carbon capture for enhanced oil and gas recovery; specifying requirements for the sale of byproducts from carbon dioxide streams; specifying purposes; seeking to identify already incurred liabilities for decommissioning and cleanup of coal-fired electric generation facilities as specified; specifying intent for the reduction of waste of carbon dioxide; providing penalties for violations; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; requiring studies; requiring reports; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Primary Sponsors
Charles Scott

Bill Summary: Last edited by Matthew Gallagher at Apr 18, 2023, 1:49 PM
Summary: promote CCUS technology associated with the continued and prolonged operation of coal-fired electric generation facilities. Allow potential customers of the carbon dioxide stream to earn federal or other subsidies associated with carbon sequestration, ensure that decommissioning and reclamation costs caused by past activities are adequately funded. Opportunity: LAs use captured carbon for sustainable concrete and other carbon-infused construction materials. LAs work in land reclamation projects. Advocacy to legislature on nature-based carbon sequestration.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-18