

The 2023 Climate Change and Ocean Protection Education and Workforce Development Acts



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All young Rhode Islanders need the skills and knowledge to be competitive in the growing green and blue economies.

These bills create opportunities to provide educational programming and workforce training for a climate-resilient Rhode Island.

Types of programs these grants will fund:

- Career exploration
- Marine science
- Apprenticeships
- Career and technical education
- Field experiences
- And more!



\$1,000,000

Each of these bills calls for \$500,000 of grants for community partnerships among schools (K-12 and higher education), community organizations, and others to provide this essential programming.

At least 40% of all funds will be directed to low-income communities of color, who are likely to be more significantly affected by the impacts of climate change.

Action items



- Contact Governor McKee (governor@governor.ri.gov) and your own legislators and **speak about your personal experience** to encourage them to support the 2023 Climate Change and Ocean Protection Acts.
- Sign your organization on to our letter of support.
- Individuals can sign our petition.
- Invite your legislators to see your climate change and ocean-oriented programming in action.
- Join our Google group for updates.

The **education bill** provides funding for climate change and ocean protection education for K-12 youth in and outside of school: H-6106 and S-0558

The **workforce development bill** provides funding for green and blue job skills training for young people ages 16+ (apprenticeships, career & technical education): H-6105 & S-0551

Sponsors:

S-551 - Senators Lawson (D-14), Lauria (D-32), DiMario (D-36), Cano (D-8), Euer (D-13), Murray (D-24), Valverde (D-35), Britto (D-18), Gu (D-38), and Zurier (D-3)

S-558 - Senators Lawson (D-14), Lauria (D-32), DiMario (D-36), Cano (D-8), Britto (D-18), Murray (D-24), Valverde (D-35), Euer (D-13), and Mack (D-6)

H-6105 and H-6106 - Representatives Cortvriend (D-72), Carson (D-75), Donovan (D-69), Speakman (D-68), McGaw (D-71), Tanzi (D-34), Boylan (D-66), Handy (D-18), Spears (D-36), and Potter (D-16)