

GREEN FUTURE ACT – HD.1972

An Act Achieving a Green Future with Infrastructure & Workforce Investments

Sponsor: Representative Bill Driscoll Jr

Massachusetts does not have the funding it needs to meet its climate goals set by the Next Generation Roadmap bill (S.9) and Governor Baker's 2030 Clean Energy & Climate Plan (CECP). Without the Green Future Act's clear plan to sustainably and equitably raise green money, our state risks being forced to adopt regressive taxes and miss the opportunity to create local jobs.

Raises funds from



Eliminating the
polluter fee loophole



21st century
green bonding

Unlocks \$10 Billion by 2030

Closes the State's Polluter Loophole

Eliminates the pollution fee loophole used by out-of-state fossil fuel importers, and raises \$500-750 million per year. Today, 87% of carbon pollution is emitted freely by fossil fuel polluters, who do not pay for the damage they cause to public health and the environment. This bill will close the gap to 42% by 2023, and 7% by 2025.

21st Century Green Bonding

Establishes a \$500 million green bonding program as part of the state's annual capital budget process, giving Massachusetts access to sensible funding to invest in its green future.

Invests in



Green
infrastructure



Local aid for
cities & towns



Workforce
development



Household
dividends

Invests in Massachusetts

State-Wide Green Infrastructure

Establishes the Green Infrastructure Fund (GIF), investing billions of dollars in projects like electrifying transportation, increasing renewable energy, and creating consumer heating efficiency rebates.

Local Aid for Cities & Towns

Directs significant aid to all cities and towns, funding critical local green infrastructure that lowers emissions and prepares communities for climate change impacts.

Green Workforce Development

Establishes the Green Workforce Commission to guide training and development of a 21st century clean energy and green workforce. Sets aside \$10 million to support displaced fossil fuel workers and their families.

Household Dividends for Vulnerable Residents

Provides direct cash payments ("Green Household Dividends") to lower income households, protecting the state's most vulnerable residents from short-term increases in utility costs as the global economy shifts away from fossil fuels.

Benefits Massachusetts Residents

Creates Well-Paying, Local Jobs

By 2030, creates 80,000 green jobs in Massachusetts, with major infrastructure spending covered by Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and prevailing wage laws.

Invests in Environmental Justice & Frontline Communities

60% of all green infrastructure spending must benefit environmental justice neighborhoods across the state. Additionally, this bill promotes new models for community governance and decision making.

Fights Pollution & the Climate Crisis

Cuts local air pollution, which kills 7,600 a year in Massachusetts, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions so that Massachusetts can achieve its existing legal requirement to have net zero carbon emission by 2050.



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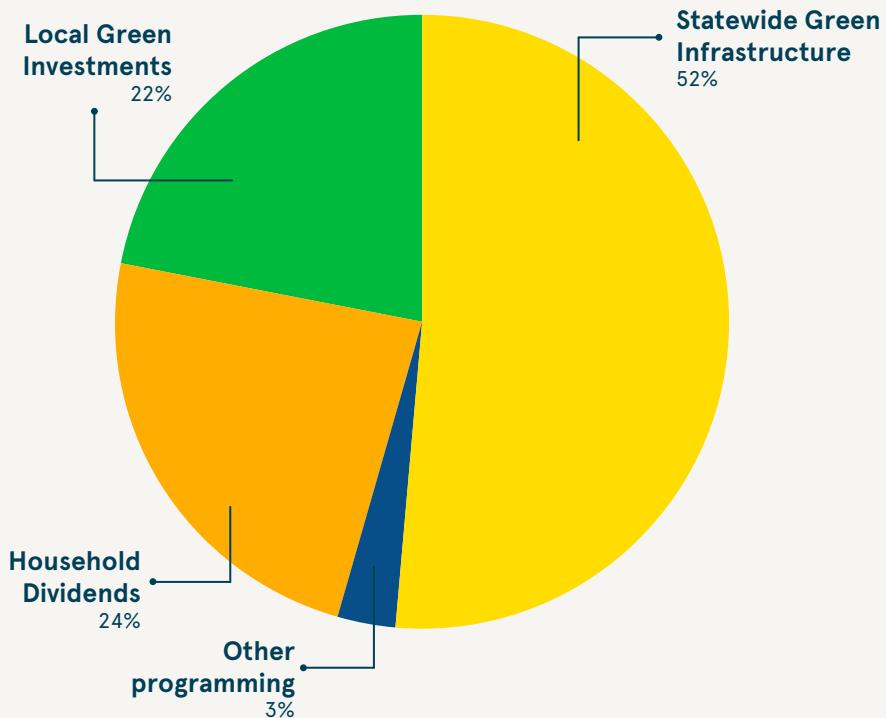


Invests \$10 billion in
the green economy



Reduces emissions to
achieve net-zero by 2050

Annual Spending Breakdown Green Future Act



Total Projected Revenue from Green Future Act by Program (2023-2030)



GREEN
FUTURE **NOW!**

This legislation is supported by the **Green Future Now** campaign.

It was crafted with input from **49 leading Massachusetts organizations and community groups**, including environmental justice organizers, climate advocates, economists, small businesses, grassroots activists, regional planners, municipal leaders, climate resiliency experts, and conservationists.

Learn more at GreenFutureNowMA.org