



**CLIMATE COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA - FINAL**

Thursday, May 14, 2026

1:00 PM

**Cook County Conference Room  
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450  
Chicago, IL 60607**

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**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions****2.0 Agenda changes and Announcements****2.01 CMAP Updates****2.02 New Members****3.0 Approval of Minutes****3.01 Minutes from May 22, 2025** [24-307](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Review and approval of meeting minutes.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [Draft May 22, 2025 minutes](#)

**4.0 New Business****4.01 Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Schedule** [24-310](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will present a proposed meeting schedule for the new fiscal year.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [FY2027 Meeting Schedule Memo](#)

**4.02 Designation of Chair and Vice Chair.** [24-434](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will designate a chair and vice chair for the new fiscal year.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

**4.03 Legislative Updates** [25-321](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on relevant bills filed with the Illinois General Assembly.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

**Attachments:** [Legislative Update Memo](#)

**4.04 The Century Plan (TCP) update and discussion** [26-137](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP is developing a new regional vision for northeastern Illinois - The Century Plan - and invites voices across government, civic spheres, business, and communities to prioritize what the region will need to thrive by midcentury. It will serve as our “north star” and define what we must do together, why it matters to the region, and provide policy guidance on how we get there. To support this engagement, CMAP has assembled a report that surfaces major trends that impact residents’ quality of life - including issues that affect the region's long-term economic growth. Staff will provide an overview of the State of the Region report and facilitate a discussion on what the region must do together to thrive over the next 20 to 30 years.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**5.0 Member Updates****6.0 Other Business****7.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience.

**8.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Climate Committee will occur as a virtual workshop on July 23, 2027 at 1:00pm.

**9.0 Adjournment**



**CLIMATE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Thursday, May 22, 2025

1:00 PM

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## 1.0 Call to order and introductions

Chair Durnbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm and reminded the audience that the meeting is being recorded and provided virtual meeting logistical announcements for the Zoom platform.

Principal Nora Beck called the roll.

**Present:** Jack Chan, Naomi Davis, Aaron Durnbaugh, Robin Grooms, Samira Hanessian, Ethan Kimbrel, Debra Kutska, Scott Kuykendall, Edith Makra, Mary Nicol, Matthew Santagata, Stefan Schaffer and Ryan Wilson

**Absent:** Elena Grossman, Thomas Maillard, Paul May, Emily Reusswig and Vanessa Ruiz

**Staff Present:** George Rivera, Isaura Velez, Joan Smedinghoff, Jon Haadsma, Jules Voight, Kelsey Pudlock, Martin Menninger, Michael Collins, Prithvi Hedge, Ryan Thompto, Quinn Ruiz

**Others Present:** Brian Daly (Cook County), Brian Larson, Gretchen Klock, Joe Surdam (LCDOT), Kris Murphy, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Leslie Rauer, Megan Swanson (IDOT Planning), Michael Sewall (Metra), Tori Woolbright (MMC)

## 2.0 Agenda changes and announcements

### 2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

There were no changes to the agenda

### 2.02 CMAP updates

Bill Barnes, Deputy of Regional Policy and Implementation, reminded the committee of changes to committee meetings and virtual workshops to encourage attendance and participation with the reservation of one meeting per year to approve minutes.

Deputy Barnes provided an overview of the Transportation Resilience Improvement Program (TRIP), a project that is soliciting transportation resilience projects to be included in CMAP's Regional Transportation Plan. He noted that the TRIP project list will be the region's first compilation of transportation resilience projects and could help make the region more competitive for federal investment opportunities including through the PROTECT Program. Projects for consideration must be submitted by June 3, 2025 to Program Lead, Kate Evasic.

Deputy Barnes provided an update on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). The PART report resulted in the Modernizing IL Sales Tax Pathway for a Sustainable Future report and is available on CMAP's website.

Deputy Barnes reported the application period for the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program is open until June 2. The program will run July 15-23 at CMAP offices, and includes field trips, meals and transportation.

There were no questions following Deputy Barnes CMAP update.

## 2.03 New Members

Chair Durnbaugh introduced new Member Debra Kutska of Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, replacing Member Kevin Schnoes.

Member Debra Kutska introduced herself.

## 3.0 Approval of minutes

### 3.01 Minutes from July 25, 2024 [25-159](#)

**Attachments:** [Draft July 25 2024 Minutes](#)

Member Robin Grooms asked that the meeting minutes be revised and reflect her attendance at the meeting.

Chair Durnbaugh requested the secretary take note of the requested change.

*A motion was made by Mary Nicol, seconded by Ryan Wilson, that the amended minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Jack Chan, Naomi Davis, Aaron Durnbaugh, Robin Grooms, Samira Hanessian, Ethan Kimbrel, Debra Kutska, Scott Kuykendall, Edith Makra, Mary Nicol, Matthew Santagata, Stefan Schaffer and Ryan Wilson

**Absent:** Elena Grossman, Thomas Maillard, Paul May, Emily Reusswig and Vanessa Ruiz

## 4.0 New Business

### 4.01 Fiscal Year 2026 Meeting Schedule [25-154](#)

**Attachments:** [FY2026 Meeting Schedule Memo](#)

Chair Durnbaugh presented the Fiscal Year 2026 meeting schedule. Principal Nora Beck reminded the committee that the first three dates are fully remote via the workshop format and the fourth date will be an in-person meeting.

*A motion was made by Scott Kuykendall, seconded by Stefan Schaffer, that the Fiscal Year 2026 meeting schedule be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Jack Chan, Naomi Davis, Aaron Durnbaugh, Robin Grooms, Samira Hanessian, Ethan Kimbrel, Debra Kutska, Scott Kuykendall, Edith Makra, Mary Nicol, Matthew Santagata, Stefan Schaffer and Ryan Wilson

**Absent:** Elena Grossman, Thomas Maillard, Paul May, Emily Reusswig and Vanessa Ruiz

### 4.02 Designation of Chair and Vice Chair [25-155](#)

Deputy Bill Barnes provided an update to the committee on the chair and vice chair appointments. Aaron Durnbaugh has been reappointed as the committee chair and Mary Nicol has been appointed as vice chair of the committee.

### 4.03 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update [25-156](#)

**Attachments:** [EPR Cover Memo](#)  
[RTP emerging priorities report](#)

Noah Harris, Policy Analyst gave a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development process, noting the objectives of the plan is to answer three central questions, "What transportation system do we want, what are the challenges and opportunities to get there, and How will we achieve the transportation system we want." Policy Analyst Harris shared the 2025 timeline

for the RTP, noting that the first half of 2025 has been dedicated to building consensus around the regional vision for transportation and assessing the current state of play in key goal areas. The second half of 2025 will focus on strategic discussions about how goals will be implemented for transportation.

Policy Analyst Harris referenced the Emerging Priorities Report provided in the agenda packet as the first milestone deliverable of the RTP. The report outlines high level goals and objectives that reflect early research and feedback from agencies and organizations throughout the region. He provided details about the Emerging Priorities Report, noting that the document serves as a snapshot to summarize input from research and engagement that builds on current and ongoing regional plan efforts, including the ON TO 2050 plan. The report reflects input from stakeholders such as transportation agencies, county partners, advocacy organizations, and CMAP working committees. The content in the report represents long-standing transportation priorities and topics previously discussed.

Policy Analyst shared the five 2026 RTP goals in the report but focused on the goal of mitigating pollution and investing in resilient infrastructure.

Policy Analyst Harris engaged the committee in discussion including engagement between communities and stakeholders and whether a legislative agenda will be included in the RTP.

The committee engaged in discussion.

#### **4.04 Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) update**

[25-157](#)

**Attachments:** [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Memo](#)

Kate Evasic, Program Lead and Mith Hirst, Analyst gave an update on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), sharing an update on the project timeline and noting that the plan is currently in the modeling stage to identify how strategies impact and reduce emissions in communities. The plan has a deadline of December 1, 2025. Program Lead Evasic shared that the 2020 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory has decreased in Illinois and increased for Indiana and Wisconsin. The goal is to have 85% reduction of gross GHG emissions by 2050 within the greater Chicago area was confirmed with the steering committee in late 2024.

Mitch Hirst, Analyst, gave an update on the GHG Emissions scenarios on the existing policy, the plan implementation scenario and highlight federal, state and local actions to reach targets. Analyst Hirst gave an overview of current policies and provided scenarios with respect to current policies.

Program Lead Evasic and Analyst Hirst engaged the committee in discussion.

## 4.05 Legislative Updates

[25-158](#)

### **Attachments:** [Legislative Update Memo](#)

Ryan Gougis, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist provided a legislative update on Strengthening Communities Funding Initiative, which is seeking a \$2 million appropriation to support the Technical Assistance Program. The goal of the legislation is to secure inclusion in the FY2026 budget. He shared that IGA Director, John Carpenter has been actively advocating for this funding in Springfield.

In addition, CMAP recently participated in transit town halls across the region, including visits to Westmont, Algonquin and Evanston, providing an opportunity to engage directly with local constituents.

Member Thomas Maillard inquired about legislative sponsors for the Technical Assistance funding. Specialist Gougis confirmed that Representative Will Davis, representing the south suburbs, is serving as the lead sponsor.

A legislative update was given.

## 5.0 Member Updates

There were no committee member updates.

## 6.0 Other Business

Member Naomi Davis sought clarification on what the Technical Assistance Program consists of.

Specialist Gougis explained that the Technical Assistance Program allows local municipalities and local government partners across the region to apply for various types of planning support such as ADA transition plans, comprehensive plans, and bike and pedestrian plans.

## 7.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience.  
There were no public comments.

## 8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Climate Committee will occur as a virtual workshop on July 17, 2025 at 1:00pm.

## 9.0 Adjournment

Chair Durnbaugh adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm.

Minutes prepared by Isaura Velez



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Climate Committee

**From:** CMAP Climate Committee Staff Leads

**Date:** May 14, 2026

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Schedule

**Action Requested:** Approval

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CMAP staff seek approval of the proposed meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2027. The following meeting schedule responds to meeting format changes outlined in the updated bylaws. Three workshop meetings are proposed with the option to allow additional meetings at the call of the Chair. Workshop meetings have no quorum requirement and will be entirely remote. One regular meeting is proposed, at which physical quorum is required and any needed actions will be taken.

- **Thursday, July 23 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.**  
This is a workshop meeting held virtually via Zoom.
- **Thursday, October 22 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.**  
This is a workshop meeting held virtually via Zoom.
- **Thursday, February 11 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.**  
This is a workshop meeting held virtually via Zoom.
- **Thursday, May 13 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.**  
This is a regular meeting with quorum required at CMAP offices:  
433 W. Van Buren St., Suite 450, Chicago, IL 60607

**Action Requested:** Climate Committee Approval



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Climate Committee

**From:** CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs Staff

**Date:** April 30, 2026

**Subject:** Legislative update

**Action Requested:** Information

**FEDERAL**

**Surface transportation reauthorization**

Draft surface transportation reauthorization language is expected to be released by the House in the coming weeks. CMAP staff have been in conversation with members of the region’s congressional delegation, who believe that topline funding will likely land in the \$550-600 billion range (equal to \$110-120 billion annually over the five-year horizon the bill will cover). For context, the surface transportation reauthorization component of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) had a topline of roughly \$475 billion but supplemental advance appropriations added roughly an additional \$300 billion.

As IIJA funds are set to expire on September 30, it is increasingly likely Congress will pursue a continuing resolution. A continuing resolution does not enable the extension of advance appropriations. If transportation funding is provided through a CR, then the increased resources available under IIJA via advance appropriations will no longer be available. CMAP staff are continuing to engage with our congressional delegation to elevate the importance of sustaining IIJA topline funding levels to meet the region’s infrastructure needs.

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**Northeastern Illinois Water Governance report**

In partnership with advocacy organizations, Representative Katz Muhl filed [HB4689](#), directing CMAP to develop a report of legislative recommendations to address the sufficiency, management, and governance of water resources in northeastern Illinois. Following the introduction of House Amendment 1, which reflects feedback from CMAP and stakeholders, HB4689 passed out of the House chamber. The bill is now being sponsored by Sen. Bill Cunningham in the Senate. At the time of this writing, bill proponents are pausing advancement of the legislation pending conversations with the Governor’s Office.

CMAP staff will continue to monitor this measure and will engage with the bill sponsors, advocates, and stakeholders should legislative activity resume.

## **The POWER Act**

In response to the proliferation of new data centers throughout the state, Leader Robyn Gabel and Sen. Ram Villivalam, in partnership with the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, introduced the POWER Act ([HB5513/SB4016](#)) this legislation session. This legislation establishes comprehensive environmental, water, and energy regulations for hyperscale data centers by requiring them to assume energy costs, report water usage, and conduct environmental assessments for community impacts.

Both House and Senate committees held subject matter hearings on data centers, during which municipalities, labor unions, environmental advocates, and other stakeholders testified about the competing interests surrounding new data center development. Local officials emphasized the potential economic benefits and new revenue streams these facilities could bring, while residents and environmental groups raised concerns about increased utility costs, noise, and the broader impacts on local energy and water systems, as well as on communities living near the proposed sites.

HB5081 did not advance past the House committee deadline and was re-referred back to Rules Committee. SB4016 was given a committee/3<sup>rd</sup> Reading deadline extension until May 15, 2026, and at the time of this writing is assigned to the Senate AI and Social Media Committee.

## **General legislative activity**

The General Assembly's 2026 regular session is currently underway and scheduled through May 31, 2026. May 8 is the next key legislative deadline for Senate and House bills to advance out of committee in the opposite chamber, followed by May 22, the deadline for those bills to be placed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

CMAP staff tracks legislation before the General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to the agency's work. The following has been identified by CMAP staff as key pieces of legislation being considered before the Illinois General Assembly that may be of interest to the CMAP Climate Committee.

It should be noted this is not an exhaustive list of legislation tracked by CMAP staff. For more information on other tracked legislation of interest, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at [rgougis@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:rgougis@cmapp.illinois.gov).

## **Climate Mitigation & Resiliency**

### **[HB4838/SB2965](#) – RENEWABLE FUELS PROGRAM (Rep. Johnson/Sen. Halpin)**

**Description:** Establishes the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program, administered by the Department of Agriculture. Allows grants to be awarded from the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund, which is created as a special fund in the State treasury, for the installation of equipment for the storage and dispensing of fuels with higher blends of ethanol or biodiesel feedstock, according to the application and eligibility requirements established by rule by the Department of Agriculture. Requires the Comptroller and Treasurer to transfer, from June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, \$3,000,000 each calendar quarter from the Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund. Provides for eligibility for grant funding and eligible expenditures from the fund.

**Status:** HB4838 assigned to House Energy & Environment on 3/12/2026; SB2965 assigned to Senate Approps. – Public Safety & Infrastructure on 2/3/2026; committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026

### **[SB41 SA1](#) – CLEAN TRANSPORTATION STANDARD (Sen. Koehler)**

**Description:** SA1 creates the Clean Transportation Standard Act. Establishes a clean transportation standard to reduce life cycle carbon intensity of fuels for the ground transportation sector by specified

amounts. Provides for related rulemaking and calculations. Provides that the clean transportation standard shall take the form of a credit marketplace monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency. Provides for verification and data privacy requirements for the Agency. Provides for penalties for failing to offset deficits in certain situations, and for penalties for submitting false information. Exempts airline, rail, ocean-going, and military fuel. Provides that the Agency must develop a periodic fuel supply forecast. Establishes findings. Defines terms. Contains other provisions. Effective January 1, 2027.

**Status:** Assignment to Senate Energy and Public Utilities on 3/12/2026; committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026

#### **SB3307 – IDOT-SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS** (Sen. Halpin)

**Description:** Requires the Department of Transportation, in consultation and collaboration with the Department of Central Management Services and the Capital Development Board, to develop one or more standards for State purchases of appliances, concrete, asphalt, steel, and other building materials, subject to appropriation or the award of grant funding for this purpose. Provides that in developing these standards, the establishment of a maximum acceptable Global Warming Potential standard, as well as ways to promote and facilitate the use of life cycle assessments and environmental product declarations, shall be considered when considering bids for State-funded infrastructure projects.

**Status:** Assignment to Senate Procurement on 2/18/2026; committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026

#### **SB3633 – SOIL CARBON SEQUESTRATION** (Sen. Faraci)

**Description:** Provides that the (b) The Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct a joint study and publish the findings of such study to evaluate the extent to which carbon could be stored through widespread adoption of practices promoting soil carbon sequestration in the State, and what soil management practices that can be utilized to promote soil carbon sequestration. Provides that the joint study shall consider how changes in seasonality and weather patterns, driven by climate change, may impact the efficacy of soil carbon sequestration. Provides that the joint study shall be published on a publicly available website no later than January 1, 2028, and suitable copies shall be delivered to the Governor and members of the General Assembly.

**Status:** Assignment to Senate Appropriations on 2/17/2026; committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026

#### **SB3772 – EPA-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** (Sen. Villanueva)

**Description:** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes findings about the imposition of disproportionate and adverse effects on communities in areas of environmental justice concern. Defines terms. Applies to the following permits for which an owner or operator applies on or after January 1, 2026: (1) a construction permit for a new source that is to be located in an area of environmental justice concern and that is required to obtain from the Agency a CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit; (2) a construction permit for any existing source that is located in an area of environmental justice concern, that possesses a CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit issued by the Agency, and that seeks an increase in annual permitted emissions; or (3) a construction permit for any existing source that is located in an area of environmental justice concern, that seeks an increase in annual permitted emissions, and that will for the first time require a new CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit issued by the Agency. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the application for affects on environmental justice and may suggest additional testing or changes in the application. Requires that the Agency to conduct an evaluation of the prospective owner's or operator's prior experience in owning and operating sources of air pollution before it may issue a construction permit. Makes other changes. Creates the Office of Environmental Justice within the Environmental Protection Agency. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Arrived in House on 4/29/2026

## **Data Centers**

**HB5513/SB4016 – HYPERSCALE DATA CENTERS** (Rep. Gabel/Sen. Villivalam)

**Description:** Amends the Environmental Protection Act, Energy Efficient Building Act, Illinois Power Agency Act, Public Utilities Act, and related statutes to establish comprehensive environmental, water, and energy regulations for hyperscale data centers. In the Environmental Protection Act, requires cumulative impact assessments, public notice, and community benefits agreements for data centers; prohibits nondisclosure agreements; and creates the Data Center Community Intervenor Compensation Fund and Hyperscale Data Center Public Benefits and Affordability Fund funded by annual fees based on peak demand. Mandates water resource planning, quarterly water usage reporting, water scarcity plans, and Water Impact Permits with public hearings and renewal every 5 years. Requires compliance with stringent energy codes and annual energy and water reporting to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Expands renewable energy procurement programs, establishes a hyperscale data center self-direct program, and strengthens equity, transparency, and labor standards in clean energy initiatives. Creates the Residential Automated Solar Permitting Platform Act to require municipalities and counties to adopt a residential automated solar permitting platform on or before July 1, 2027, and authorizes persons to file a civil action against a municipality or county in violation.

**Status:** Re-referred to Rules Committee on 3/27/2026; SB4016 assigned to Senate AI and Media and committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026

## **Water Resources Management**

**HB4418 – EPA-STORMWATER-PLASTIC PELLET** (Rep. Mason)

**Description:** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Agency shall develop and begin implementation of requirements for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan or other similar best management practice requirements, to be included in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued to facilities regulated under certain federal regulations. Provides that these requirements apply to the control of plastic pellets or other preproduction plastic materials, in stormwater runoff from these facilities.

**Status:** Arrived in Senate on 4/16/2026

**HB4689 – NE IL WATER GOVERNANCE REPORT** (Rep. Katz Muhl)

**Description:** HA1 provides that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), in consultation with the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee (rather than in consultation with the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization) shall develop and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a regional planning-level assessment of the sufficiency, management, and governance of water resources and drinking water systems in Illinois (rather than a report of legislative recommendations) within 24 months of funds being appropriated to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (rather than by May 31, 2027). Provides that, to facilitate the development of the assessment, relevant State agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Health, and the Illinois State Water Survey, shall provide relevant data sets, documentation, and information to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as soon as practicable, subject to applicable confidentiality requirements. Provides that the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee shall be dissolved on the day after the report is submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly (rather than July 1, 2027). Provides that the provisions added by the amendatory Act shall be repealed on December 31, 2030. Makes other changes. Provides for the repeal of these provisions on December 31, 2030.

**Status:** Arrived in Senate on 4/15/2026

**SB3681 – PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES ACT** (Sen. Simmons)

**Description:** Creates the Protect the Great Lakes Act. Provides that, at the start of each month, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall test for the presence of microplastics and PFAS in Lake Michigan and the Environmental Protection Agency shall test for the presence of microplastics and PFAS in the Illinois drinking water system. Provides that, at the end of each month, the District shall submit a report to the Environmental Protection Agency containing the test results taken at the start of the month. Provides that, after one year of testing and reporting, the District and Environmental Protection Agency shall submit a report to the General Assembly. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Health shall establish an intergovernmental working group.

**Status:** Assigned to Senate Approps. – Public Safety & Infrastructure on 2/17/2026; committee/3<sup>rd</sup> reading deadline established as 5/15/2026