



Legislation to Combat Impact of Climate Change

Recognizing the need for an aggressive stance that combats issues of climate change while supporting our state's agricultural industries, Senator Tina Polsky (Boca Raton) and I have have filed legislation that, if passed, would create an aggressive, statewide climate change mitigation strategy with the goal of reducing state greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030, 90 percent by 2050, and 100 percent by 2055.

The proposed legislation aims to improve energy efficiency and conservation by:

- Creating a requirement for buildings that receive state funds to report their greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficiency;
- Instituting tax credits for farms that produce renewable energy, and financial assistance for producers who choose to implement recommended conservation programs;
- Prioritizing energy efficiency upgrades in low-income communities across our state;
- Implementing new standards for solar panel installations and consumer protections; and
- Allowing for a method called "floating solar" in which solar panels can be installed in retention pond systems.



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