



FY2026 Green Budget Priority Amendments

Protecting the Commonwealth's land, water, air, and wildlife, while meeting our climate goals and supporting healthy communities and historically underserved populations, requires state agencies that are well-resourced and well-staffed. The Green Budget Coalition advocates for robust, sustainable state funding for climate and conservation work to meet the scope and scale of our climate, conservation, and adaptation challenges.

Please support the following priority amendments as a co-sponsor and during the Senate budget debate:

#330, Department of Environmental Protection (filed by Sen. Eldridge)

This amendment increases for the MassDEP by \$1.6M, which will support ongoing PFAS testing and mitigation work, air quality monitoring, and integration of climate resiliency into water permitting.

#336, Energy and Environmental Affairs (filed by Sen. Rausch)

This amendment increases funding to the EEA administrative item by \$200K over FY25 to ensure continued progress toward clean energy goals and improve interagency coordination for statewide trails networks.

#343, Department of Fish and Game (filed by Sen. Fernandes)

This amendment increases funding for DFG to the H.1 recommended level, supporting the agency's work to operationalize the state's new biodiversity goals, ensuring that staff are hired to manage the statewide plan as it begins implementation.

#355, Department of Public Utilities (filed by Sen. Barrett)

This amendment increases funding for DPU to the H.1 recommended level, supporting siting and permitting implementation alongside ongoing work by the Department to protect ratepayers and facilitate an equitable, affordable energy transition.

#356, Department of Energy Resources (filed by Sen. Barrett)

This amendment increases funding for DOER to the H.1 recommended level, which will work to ensure timely and complete implementation of the 2024 climate law by hiring staff for the new Siting Division and to manage clean energy and storage procurements.

#203, Office of Environmental Justice and Equity (filed by Sen. Edwards)

This amendment increases funding for the EJ office to the H.1 recommended level, continuing the work of the office to support agency-wide community engagement as well as the implementation of new siting and permitting requirements.

#326, Division of Ecological Restoration (filed by Sen. Cyr)

This amendment maintains level funding with FY25 for DER, which oversees dozens of projects each year across the Commonwealth designed to improve climate resilience, protect natural resources, and reduce flood risk.

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