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 Enacted	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets 26-28% by 2025 Relative to 2005 levels Establishing Policies	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 38 (2019) 			
 Enacted	Climate Action Plans Governor's Task Force on Climate Change Report Establishing Policies	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 52 (2019) Governor's Task Force on Climate Change Report (2020) 			
 Enacted	State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory The 1990-2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was published in December 2021. Establishing Policies	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 38 (2019) 1990-2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2021) 			



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Climate Bureaucracy				
 Not Enacted	<p>Climate bureaucracy consists of dedicated climate offices and staff, interagency working groups, task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff. These bodies are often responsible for writing a state's climate plan and implementing the policies and strategies identified to meet its climate targets.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Climate Advisory Bodies				
 Enacted	<p>Governor's Task Force on Climate Change</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Order 52 (2019)• Governor's Task Force on Climate Change	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2019
Environmental Justice Community Definitions				
 Not Enacted	<p>Environmental justice (EJ) community definitions identify the specific, quantifiable thresholds that designate a geographical area as an EJ community. These definitions account for multiple factors, including both environmental and socioeconomic stressors, that may contribute to persistent environmental health disparities.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	




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 In-Progress	Environmental Justice Mapping Tools			
	The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and three other state agencies are developing the Wisconsin Environmental Equity Tool (WEET).	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
	Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin Environmental Equity Tool (WEET) 			
 Not Enacted	Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements			
	Environmental justice (EJ) community investment requirements help ensure communities most impacted by environmental burdens are benefitting equitably from public programs by requiring a certain percentage of funds and/or benefits from other policies are allocated to EJ communities.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
 In-Progress	Environmental Justice Bureaucracy			
	WI DNR – Environmental Justice Policy Advisor			
	Governor Evers signed an executive order to create the Wisconsin Office of Environmental Justice	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2022
	Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Order 161 (2022) 			






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Environmental Justice				
Advisory Bodies				
 Not Enacted	Environmental justice (EJ) advisory bodies are responsible for making recommendations on EJ policy, integrating EJ and equity principles into climate policy, and increasing public engagement. These bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Cumulative Impact Assessment				
 Not Enacted	Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Just Transition Plans				
 Not Enacted	Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	






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 Not Enacted	Just Transition Offices and Staff Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
	Just Transition Advisory Bodies Just transition advisory bodies write or advise on a state's just transition plan or report, and make recommendations on ways to support affected workers, communities, and industries. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
	Just Transition Funds Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	



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 In-Progress	Green Banks			
	<p>The Green Ribbon Commission on Clean Energy and Environmental Innovation is advising the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Department of Administration on the establishment of a green bank, known as the "Green Innovation Fund"</p>	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	2023
	<p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Order 195 (2023)• Green Ribbon Commission			
 Not Enacted	Carbon Pollution Pricing			
	<p>Carbon pollution pricing establishes a pollution fee or cap-and-trade program on the greenhouse gas emissions associated with each sector/source of emissions within the state. Programs typically cover the electricity, buildings, transportation, and/or industrial sectors.</p>	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	
 Not Enacted	Social Cost of Carbon			
	<p>The social cost of carbon is a monetary estimate of the damage of each ton of greenhouse gases emitted. The social cost of carbon is used to quantify and monetize climate damages, representing the net economic cost of climate pollution to society.</p>	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	



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Clean Energy and Renewable Portfolio Standards				
 Enacted	<p>10% renewable energy by 2015 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wisconsin Statute § 196.378 (1998)• Executive Order 38 (2019)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2019
Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets				
 Not Enacted	<p>Electricity greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit GHG emissions in the electricity sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by different amounts over time, often expressed as percentage relative to a baseline year.</p>	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	
Clean Energy Plans				
 Enacted	<p>State of Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan</p> <p>2024 Clean Energy Plan Progress Report</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Order 38 (2019)• State of Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan (2022)• 2024 Clean Energy Plan Progress Report (2024)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2024

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Distributed Generation Carve-out



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Electricity

**Clean Energy
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Establishing Policies

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Policy Components



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Net Metering



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 Partially Enacted	Shared Renewables The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPOT - Shared Renewables in Wisconsin Policy Components  1/6	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	
	Community Choice Aggregation Community choice aggregation allows local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider.			
	Energy Storage Targets Energy storage targets establish procurement targets for energy storage systems by a certain date, often with interim targets. Targets can vary from broad megawatt (MW) requirements to more specific mandates that focus on the adoption of certain storage technologies.			




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Interconnection Standards				
 Enacted	<p>Wisconsin received a D grade from Freeing the Grid.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freeing the Grid Wisconsin Grade (2023) 	Electricity	Transmission, Distribution, and Energy Storage	2023
Coal Phaseouts				
 Not Enacted	<p>Coal phaseouts establish a target year by which states must end coal-fired power generation.</p>	Electricity	Coal Retirement	
Coal Plant Securitization				
 Enacted	<p>Securitization is authorized for pollution-control investments, but not for the full cost of a power plant.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wis. Stat. § 196.027(2) (2004) 	Electricity	Coal Retirement	2004
Residential Energy Codes				
 Enacted	<p>The statewide energy code for residential construction is 2009 IECC.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisconsin State Energy Code (2015) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2015






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 Enacted	Commercial Energy Codes The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is 2015 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2013 with amendments. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wisconsin State Energy Code (2018)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2018
	Stretch Building Energy Codes Stretch building energy codes are an optional, more stringent building code established by the state that local jurisdictions can adopt to require that newly constructed buildings are more efficient than the baseline state codes.			
	Appliance Standards Appliance standards set minimum energy and water conservation requirements for appliances and equipment.			
 Not Enacted	Building Performance Standards Building performance standards establish energy and/or greenhouse gas performance targets for existing buildings in a state. These targets increase in stringency over time, leading to efficiency improvements in buildings to conserve energy and reduce emissions.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	

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Clean Heat Standards				
 Not Enacted	Clean heat standards establish a performance standard requiring heat providers to deliver a gradually-increasing percentage of low-emission heating services to customers.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)				
 Enacted	<p>Electric utilities are required to achieve statewide energy savings equivalent to 31,676,270 gross life cycle megawatt-hours (MWh) for 2023-2026.</p> <p>Gas utilities are required to achieve statewide energy savings equivalent to 776,085,000 gross life cycle therms for 2023-2026.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wis. Stat. § 196.374 (2011) • 5-FE-104 (2022) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2022
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)				
 Enacted	<p>Wisconsin has enacted commercial PACE-enabling legislation and has active programs.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 255 (2009) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2009


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 Partially Enacted	Weatherization Funding The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPOT - Weatherization Funding in Wisconsin 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	
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 Not Enacted	All-Electric Buildings All-electric buildings policies require new buildings to be constructed with all-electric heating, cooling, and cooking systems to transition away from fossil-fuel use in buildings.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Electrification	
 Not Enacted	Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) Standards Under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act, California has the unique authority to establish vehicle emission standards more stringent than federal standards, and other states may adopt California’s standards. These Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards control tailpipe emissions of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gasses from light-duty vehicles.	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	


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Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV)				
Mandates				
 Not Enacted	<p>Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandates, also known as "clean car standards," require automakers to produce and sell a certain percentage of zero-emission light-duty vehicles each model year based on total new vehicle sales. The most stringent ZEV mandates require 100% of new vehicle sales to be electric by 2035 and are known as "Advanced Clean Cars II".</p>	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
Electric Vehicle Rebates				
 Not Enacted	<p>Electric vehicle rebates offer rebates to make light-duty electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.</p>	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
Low NOx Omnibus Rules				
 Not Enacted	<p>Low NOx Omnibus Rules establish stringent tailpipe emission standards for heavy duty vehicles, updated testing procedures, and technology-neutral compliance mechanisms to reduce nitrous oxide (NOx) pollution. The regulation must be adopted first by California, and other states may adopt the regulation under the federal Clean Air Act.</p>	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	








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 Not Enacted	Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) zero-emission vehicle mandates, also known as "Advanced Clean Trucks", require automakers to produce and sell a certain number of zero-emission MHD vehicles to fulfill a quota based on a percentage of total sales in states.	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
 Not Enacted	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) electric vehicle rebates consist of programs and policies that offer rebates to make MHD electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
 Not Enacted	Public Fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) Procurement Targets Public fleet electric vehicle (EV) procurement targets require that a certain percentage or number of vehicles purchased or leased by the state are zero-emission or electric vehicles. This can apply to passenger cars, light-duty vehicles, and/or medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in a state's public fleet.	Transportation	Lead by Example	




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 Not Enacted	Electric Bus Procurement Targets Electric bus procurement targets require that a certain percentage or number of school buses and/or transit buses purchased or leased by the state, transit authorities, and/or school districts must be electric or zero-emissions.	Transportation	Lead by Example	
	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Requirements Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure requirements establish mandates for the installation of EV charging infrastructure in new construction or developments, such as residential or commercial buildings, and public parking lots.	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	
	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Rebates Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure rebates offer rebates to make the purchase and/or installation costs of EV charging infrastructure more affordable.	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	

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 Not Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Charging Infrastructure Plans Electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure plans are documents that provide a framework to guide the development, coordination, and adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
	Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets Transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit emissions in the transportation sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by specific amounts over time, often expressed as a percentage reduction from a baseline year.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
	Low Carbon Fuel Standards A low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) is a market-based mechanism to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and account for the fuel's life cycle greenhouse gas emissions.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	

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 Partially Enacted	Bicycle Friendly States Wisconsin is ranked 27th out of 50 in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly State rankings by the League of American Bicyclists.	Transportation	Public and Active Transportation	
	Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisconsin Bicycle Friendly State Scorecard 			
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 Not Enacted	Buy Clean Requirements Buy clean requirements mandate or incentivize the use of low-carbon construction materials, such as concrete and steel, in public projects to address embodied carbon.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Industrial Decarbonization	
 Not Enacted	Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Regulations Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) regulations include phasedown commitments, rulemakings, disclosure requirements, bans, or other measures that reduce HFC usage and emissions.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	
 Not Enacted	Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Regulations Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, bans, or other measures that reduce SF6 usage and emissions.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	



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 Not Enacted	Oil and Gas Methane Regulations Oil and gas methane regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, leak detection and repair, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
	Fracking Bans Fracking bans prohibit the practice of hydraulic fracking for the production of oil and/or natural gas by a certain year. Legislation often requires an environmental agency or department to promulgate regulations.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
	Landfill Methane Regulations Landfill methane regulations include rulemakings, emissions monitoring, emissions control, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from decaying organic waste in landfills.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	
	Food Waste Bans and Targets Food waste bans and targets include policies that prohibit certain entities that generate specified amounts of food waste (typically commercial businesses and larger institutions) from sending this waste to landfills. Targets aim to reduce total food waste by a certain percentage each target year.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	

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 Enacted	Agriculture Financial Incentives Wisconsin passed legislation that provides crop insurance rebates for cover crops. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 727 (2022) 	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	2022
 Not Enacted	Agriculture Technical Assistance Programs Agriculture technical assistance programs provide state-driven technical assistance, apprenticeship and mentorship programs, and support securing additional funding for farmers to increase uptake of soil health practices.	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	