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Clean Energy 2022 State Legislative Priorities

The Iowa Environmental Council supports programs and policies that encourage an equitable transition to clean energy that benefits Iowa's environment, economy, and communities.

Protect and Expand Iowa's clean energy leadership

- Protect critical distributed clean energy policies such as net metering and third party power purchase agreements. Prevent new barriers to customer-sited renewables, and ensure no utility can discriminate against customers with renewables.
- Maintain Iowa's wind energy leadership and growing utility-scale solar sector by ensuring a continued, well-defined legal framework that supports wind and solar development in the state and sufficient high-voltage transmission infrastructure to carry significant additions of renewable energy.
- Protect existing state and local policies and programs that encourage energy efficiency and clean energy and explore opportunities to expand efficiency, especially for customers with a low income.
- Support policies that will increase equitable access to clean energy such as community solar, low-income and multi-family energy efficiency, expanded options for utility bill repayment, and increased access to clean transportation options.

Support Policies for EV Deployment and Electrification

- Support policies that allow for development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the state while encouraging competition, consumer protection, and fair taxation.
- Support policies that incentivize EVs, including clean transit vehicles, and move consumers to the use of clean electricity for more applications such as space and water heating, cutting carbon pollution, and reducing dependence on fossil fuels while saving customers money.

Support an Equitable Transition to Clean Energy

- Support adoption of tools that ease the financial burden of closing coal plants, such as securitization and transition assistance for workers and communities. Work for equitable rates that allow all customers to benefit from the addition of renewable energy into utility generating fleets.



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- Support policies that call for a statewide plan to address the energy future in Iowa. The planning required will need to be transparent, involve public input, and take climate change into account.
- Oppose policies that exacerbate existing environmental and energy inequities and advocate for legislation that helps address historical injustices and creates more equitable systems for participation in the benefits of the clean energy transition.
- Support legislation that is directed toward addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation needs in Iowa.