

Climate Solutions Caucus 1/19

S. 5:

- #1 Bill in the Climate Solutions Caucus
- Bill focusing on providing sustainable and affordable heating systems for lower income Vermonters. Implements a “Clean Heat Standard” that evaluates methods of heating and their subsequent carbon footprint.
- Clean Heat Standard be designed and implemented in a manner that achieves Vermont’s thermal sector GHG emissions reductions.
 - To meet obligations of GHG reduction as put forth by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020.
- Workforce potential in weatherization projects.
- Discussion on the ineffectiveness of Carbon Taxing
 - Tax doesn’t necessarily cap behavior; S. 5 directly caps emissions.
 - Demand for heating is very little influenced by price which makes carbon taxing an inefficient solution.
- Language in S. 5 to prevent greenwashing, prevention measures will include Life Cycle Analysis and Carbon Accounting data.

Women’s Caucus 1/26

- Goal of no more than 10% of monthly income to childcare
- Let’s Grow Kids: Commitment to supporting, upgrading, and transforming the Vermont childcare system. Comprised of staff, state governmental leaders, business executives, marketers, grassroots organizers, and early childhood educators. Collaboration with communities and commitment of equity and inclusion.
- Constraining factors of childcare now:
 - Supply of space for new centers
 - Supply of educators
 - Due to workforce issues and lack of pay in the field.
- Early education majors in the pipeline
 - Efforts to retain potential educators with higher pay so-as to retain workforce in Vermont in this field.