

## Senator Kevin Parker and the Senate Majority Pass Groundbreaking Environmental Legislation

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(Albany, NY) Senator Parker, and the Senate Democratic Majority advanced legislation in honor of Earth Day to continue protecting the state's environment. This legislative package builds on successes in the SFY 2021-2022 budget to put New York State at the forefront of protecting and preserving New York's natural resources. This legislation furthers renewable energy initiatives to meet goals set in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The bills reduce plastic pollution, increase enforcement of the state's environmental

laws, protect state forests, decrease greenhouse emissions, increase the use of state-operated electric vehicles, bolster the state's solar production, expand electric vehicle recharging, provide protections for Native nations and tribes, and combat biodiversity and climate crises on state land.

Bill Sponsor and Chair of the Senate Committee Energy and Telecommunications, Senator Kevin Parker, said, "The Senate Majority is taking the necessary steps to preserve our state's limited resources, and we will continue to advocate for environmental justice and a greener New York. I am proud to sponsor legislation that promotes clean renewable energy, and I am certain this legislative package will make a positive impact on our climate."

The two legislative bills legislation passed by the Senate Democratic Majority which were sponsored by Senator Parker are:

State Purchase of Zero Emission Vehicles: This bill, S.2838A, sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, requires preparation of a state fleet procurement plan to ensure that zero emission vehicles will be purchased for state agencies.

Expands the Market for the State's Solar Production: This bill, S.3521A, sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, directs the Public Service Commission to create a system to allow solar energy credits to be transferred between utility territories, making it easier for consumers to access renewable energy.

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## 2021-S2838A

- Introduced
- o In Committee Assembly
  - o In Committee Senate
- o On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - o On Floor Calendar Senate
- o Passed Assembly
  - o Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the purchase or lease of zero emission vehicles for state-owned vehicle fleets

January 26, 2021

Passed Assembly

Sponsored by Kevin S. Parker

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## 2021-S3521A

- Introduced
- o In Committee Assembly
  - o In Committee Senate
- o On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - o On Floor Calendar Senate
- o Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Vetoed By Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Relates to expanding customer access to community distributed generation

January 30, 2021

Vetoed

Sponsored by Kevin S. Parker

Do you support this bill?