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RMS End of Week Update 3/20/2026



Budget Update

The Senate and Assembly released their FY 2027 "one-house" budget bills last week and both houses passed their Budget Resolutions related to their house budget bills. This week all Joint Budget Subcommittees met and 2 and 3-way negotiations are now ongoing between the Senate, Assembly, and the Governor with a goal of reaching a final budget deal by this year's March 31st noon deadline.

Lawmakers and Governor Hochul have until noon on March 31st to reach an agreement or approve extender legislation to keep the negotiations going and allow many state workers to continue getting paid. According to Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office. This month the Comptroller's office told Governor Hochul in a letter (linked [here](#)) that a provision must be in place by midday in order to ensure the so-called institutional payroll is funded.

That funding would impact some 58,000 workers, including those who work for the state prison system, the Office of Mental Health, the Office of People with Developmental

Disabilities and some facilities under the Department of Health and the State Education Department. According to an article in POLITICO.

To view the full article please click [here](#).

Governor Hochul Release An Op-Ed Regarding The Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act

This morning Governor Hochul released an op-ed in Empire Report titled “Climate Action and Affordability Can and Must Go Hand-In-Hand”. Below is summary of the op-ed.

She began the op-ed by discussing the progress she feels NY has already made towards the goals of the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (CLCPA). She stated that since she became Governor more than \$88.7 billion has been invested in clean energy through various programs. She specifically noted “the first-ever utility-scale offshore wind farm in the United States, and [the] two more under construction”, congestion pricing, 31 large-scale solar and wind projects, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) that is set to become operational in a few months.

Governor Hochul continued stating that she remains fully committed to the blueprint for a sustainable future laid out in the CLCPA legislation, but she went on to say that “so much has radically changed since the Climate Act was enacted, necessitating common-sense adjustments that keep us on our path to a greener future in a way that is affordable for New Yorkers”. She went on to discuss the outside forces impacting costs in NY from post-COVID inflation and supply chain disruptions to federal illegally imposed tariffs, a federal government that views climate change as a hoax, and the war in Iran. She noted that without a federal partner, there is only so much states can do on their own. The governor said, “put simply, something has to give”.

She went on to say that these reasons are why she is “pushing a Ratepayer Protection Plan to hold utilities accountable, reform the process by which regulators consider rate hike requests, and make it easier for working families to learn about and access the state’s Energy Affordability Programs”

She also said that “despite supporting the intentions of the Climate Act, I am pushing changes to the law as part of our budget discussions with the Legislature. This is solely out of necessity – to protect New Yorkers’ pocketbooks and economy. Despite all the headwinds and obstacles that could not have been foreseen when the law was enacted in 2019, advocates still took the extreme step of suing the state to force it to issue regulations to meet the Climate Act’s 2030 emission reductions targets. A judge agreed and ruled that the state must swiftly issue regulations to achieve what now would be costly and unattainable targets, unless the law is changed... the undeniable fact is we cannot meet

the Climate Act's 2030 targets without imposing new and additional crushing costs on New York businesses and residents”.

The Governor's op-ed said that without changes to the law, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority found the impact of meeting the Climate Act's 2030 targets would be more than \$4,000 a year for upstate oil and natural gas households, and \$2,300 more for New York City natural gas households. And gas prices at the pump would jump an additional \$2.23 per gallon above where it would otherwise be.

Ultimately, she is proposing that the CLCPA law be amended to require regulations to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be issued at the end of 2030. As well as seeking to change what emission limits the regulations are tied to, including a new 2040 target as well as the existing 2050 statewide emission limits. She stated that “nothing else in the CLCPA is changing regarding the existing statewide emission limit targets and these new regulations would still require the state to make timely progress, ensuring long-term policy stability. Additionally, we need to change the accounting methodology we use to count emissions to align with the international standards used by the global community and nearly every other U.S. state. Otherwise, these impossible emission reduction targets...only used by NY and one other state...will ensure our failure despite all of our efforts and billions of dollars spent.”

She closed the op-ed by explaining that the proposed changes preserve the intent of the law while being realistic and that the adjustments bring us in line with states like California, Washington, and Colorado. She also called on the Legislature to enact these revisions.

To view the full op-ed please click [here](#).

RMS Budget Review Tables

Following our review of the bills, we have developed the linked below sector-by-sector comprehensive summary of the Health/Mental Hygiene one house budget proposals for SFY 2027. As well as a complete tax table summarizing the Governor, Senate and Assembly Revenue and Tax proposal's as printed in the Governor's Executive Budget and the "One House' Budget proposals.

Upon review, please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like additional details on any of the proposals. Thank you.

[RMS Health/Mental Hygiene One House Budget Table](#)

[RMS Budget One House Revenue and Tax Table](#)

[Judge Permanently Tosses Bid To Redraw Malliotakis' Congressional District](#)

On Thursday, the New York State Supreme Court permanently dismissed a bid to redraw the only GOP-held congressional district in New York City for the 2026 elections. The court stated that the case was dismissed "with prejudice," meaning it cannot be brought again. The court filing indicated that the decision was "agreed between the parties" in the suit.

The order came weeks after the Supreme Court sided with Republicans in ruling that the boundaries of New York's 11th Congressional district, which is held by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, did not need to be redrawn. The Republican congresswoman's district includes Staten Island and a swath of Brooklyn.

The Supreme Court's March 2 ruling was a victory for Republicans in a national tug-of-war over redistricting that could determine control of the closely divided House of Representatives. Republicans currently hold a razor-thin majority. New York Republicans and the Trump administration had sought the high court's intervention.

A judge had ruled that the district was drawn in a way that dilutes the power of its Black and Hispanic voters and had ordered the state's Independent Redistricting Commission to complete a new map. The court did not explain its rationale, as is typical in emergency appeals. But

Justice Samuel Alito wrote that the judge's ruling under New York's constitution amounted to "unadorned racial discrimination" in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor objected to the Supreme Court's decision to step into the case now, though she did not defend the ruling that has been challenged. "Time and again, this Court has said that federal courts should not meddle with state election laws ahead of an election. ... Ignoring every limit on federal courts' authority, the Court takes the unprecedented step of staying a state trial court's decision in a redistricting dispute on matters of state law without giving the State's highest court a chance to act," Sotomayor wrote, joined by her two liberal colleagues.

At the time, Malliotakis praised the high court for halting what she said was an attempt "to manipulate our state's courts to use race as a weapon to rig our elections."

"I thank the Justices who stopped the voters on Staten Island and in Southern Brooklyn from being stripped of their ability to elect a representative who reflects their values," she said in a statement.

To view the full article please click [here](#).

NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

Use this link to view the State's updated [COVID-19 Hub](#).

NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker

We have included the Fatalities Tracker webpage where updated numbers can be found throughout the week, linked [here](#).

Helpful Links and Resources

[RMS Budget One House Revenue and Tax Table](#)

[RMS Health/Mental Hygiene One House Budget Table](#)

[Assembly Yellow Book](#)

[Senate Blue Blook](#)

[FY 27 Senate Finance Economic and Revenue Report](#)

[FY27 Assembly Ways & Means Economic and Revenue Report](#)

[Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide](#)

[Eliminating Distractions In Schools Resource](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Department of Financial Services information and resources](#)

[New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page](#)

Department of Health

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

[COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers](#)

Office of Mental Health

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html>

OPWDD

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

State Education Department

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>

NYS Department of Labor

<https://dol.ny.gov/>