

PENN MODEL CONGRESS SPRING 2026

Blue House – Energy Independence & Global Warming
Committee

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Delegation

Title: An Act to Improve the Level of Green Energy on Penn’s Campus

Preamble: Whereas the majority of the scientific community has concluded that global warming is a serious problem, whereas the U.S. has been working to advance green energy in this country, whereas Penn should also make an effort to help the environment, whereas many other universities have also been working to advance clean energy...

Be it hereby enacted by the Penn Model Congress:

Section 1: Create a subcommittee in the University of Pennsylvania dedicated to researching possible methods of improving campus waste and energy use

- a. The *University of Pennsylvania Committee on Environmental Affairs* will be headed by university officials with student representatives
 - i. The Assistant Secretary for Environmental Affairs will be responsible for assigning 5 representatives to the committee
 - ii. The representative term limit will be set at a maximum of 4 years on the committee.

Section 2: The University of Pennsylvania Committee on Environmental Affairs will be apportioned \$1 million annually to promote the use of green energy, recycling, etc.

- a. The chosen representatives of the committee will compile an annual spending report, which will be reviewed by the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Affairs.
 - i. The Assistant Secretary for International Affairs will present the reviewed report to the Secretary of an independent commission, who will determine the future allocation of funds to the committee.

Section 3: At the end of a 5-year period, starting after the passage of the bill, an independent commission will conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the actions of the new committee

- a. The commission will have the power to either continue with the implementation of the committee or discontinue all activity and funding.

Section 4: This bill will take effect 91 days after its passage.