

McGuire's climate Emergency Declaration moves forward

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The dire impacts of the climate crisis are taking hold across the planet and right here at home in the Golden State. It's clear that climate change has made California, and the American West, significantly warmer and drier over the past 30 years and scientific predictions for the next half century are downright startling.

That's why Senator McGuire is moving forward a critical resolution – which was a policy proposal brought forward by student leaders from Sonoma Academy – that would declare a climate crisis emergency here in the State of California.

Senator McGuire's SCR 53 passed overwhelmingly and with bipartisan support in the State Senate, 30-4.

"Californians have historically led this nation on emission reduction efforts and we must redouble our focus to combat this growing crisis," Senator Mike McGuire said. "This crisis is evolving faster than anticipated and we couldn't be more inspired by these dedicated student leaders for demanding immediate action. We agree with them: The time to act is now."

Last year, Senator McGuire met with high school students from Sonoma Academy who were deeply concerned about the worsening climate crisis conditions and how it will impact their future. Their passion was inspiring.

“Declaring a climate emergency is a big step in the right direction and will pave the way for new and bold climate legislation,” said Izzy Weaver, who is a junior at Sonoma Academy. “California has also been a very influential leader in climate change so we hope this can be a call to action for states everywhere because the time is running out to save the planet and create a livable future for generations to come.”

“This type of resolution, declaring an official climate emergency, has been passed in lots of communities, counties, and regions,” said Talulah Juniper, also a junior at Sonoma Academy. “It makes it easier to take real action. When we started working on this, no resolutions had been passed at the state level. California has been a leader and role model to other states on these issues, so it just makes sense that we would eventually pass one.”