

Environment Bills/Instruments, 2025 Legislative Session (updated 6/12/2025)

Committee	Bill Number	Author, Party & District	Summay	LWVLA Position
House Natural Resources	<a href="#">HB380</a>	Rodney Schamerhorn (R-Beauregard, Sabine, and Vernon)	<p>(ENERGY/ CONSERVATION): Removes eminent domain authority for carbon dioxide sequestration</p> <p><i>News Coverage:</i>  <a href="#">Schamerhorn Files Bill to Remove Eminent Domain Authority for Carbon Sequestration</a> (KROK, 4/4/2025)  <a href="#">GOP support of carbon capture fractures in Louisiana, nationally</a> (LA Illuminator, 4/21/25)  <a href="#">Louisiana lawmakers seek to rein in carbon capture projects Trump supports</a> (American Press, 4/23/25)  <a href="#">Louisiana lawmakers reject several carbon capture bills</a> (Center Square, 4/29/25)</p>	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p>Current Status: Pending House Natural Resources - Considered 4/29/25</p> <p><b>League Position:</b> Since 2011 in its work on the Clean Air Promise Campaign, the League has worked to raise awareness of the dangers of harmful pollutants such as industrial carbon, particularly its effects on climate change. While the science and technology of carbon sequestration are new and LWVLA has not taken a formal position on CCS, we support legislation that places a pause on the use of such technology for the present, including on the eminent domain authority of government to expropriate land for such use, until we know more about the science and safety of the technology.</p>
House Natural Resources	<a href="#">HB459</a>	Kimberly Coates (R-Tangipahoa)	(ENERGY/ALTERNATE): Provides for renewable energy and permitting	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p>Current Status: Signed by the Governor - Act 279</p> <p><b>League Position:</b> Consistent with</p>

				<p>its long-standing work at the federal level on the Clean Air Act and related legislation, the League supports the transitioning of the United States into a renewable economy. Under the League's general principle of Resource Management, consumption of nonrenewable resources should be minimized. Therefore, the League supports development of wind and solar resources with appropriate regulations that are reasonable and necessary for safety and property rights in the locations where they are pursued, consistent with regulations in place in other states where wind and solar energy are already being successfully and sustainably produced.</p>
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House Natural Resources	<a href="#">HB537</a>	Rodney Schamerhorn (R-Beauregard, Sabine, and Vernon)	<p>ENVIRONMENT/QUALITY: Authorizes liens for victims of CO2 pipeline disasters</p> <p><i>News Coverage:</i>  <a href="#">Ten CCS Bills Set For Committee Hearing Next Week in Louisiana Legislative Session</a> (Liskow Energy Blog, 4/25/25)  <a href="#">Bills Restricting Carbon Capture Fail During Legislative Session</a> (KROK, 5/1/25)</p>	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p>Current Status: Pending House Natural Resources - Considered 4/29/25</p> <p><i>League Position:</i> Since 2011 in its work on the Clean Air Promise Campaign, the League has worked to raise awareness of the dangers of harmful pollutants such as industrial carbon, particularly its effects on climate change. While the science and technology of carbon sequestration are new and LWVLA has not taken a formal position on CCS, we support legislation that would put in place efforts to mitigate and recompense damage to victims in the event of disaster if the technology is adopted.</p>
House Natural Resources	<a href="#">HB 696</a>  (substitute for HB353)	Shane Mack	<p>ENERGY: Provides relative to carbon dioxide sequestration (EG INCREASE SD EX See Note)</p> <p><i>News Coverage:</i>  <a href="#">Louisiana lawmakers reject several carbon capture bills</a> (Center Square, 4/29/25)</p>	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p>Current Status: Subject to call - House final passage</p> <p><i>League Position:</i> Since 2011 in its work on the Clean Air Promise Campaign, the League has worked to raise awareness of the dangers of harmful pollutants such as industrial carbon, particularly its effects on climate change. While the science and technology of carbon sequestration are new and</p>

				LWVLA has not taken a formal position on CCS, if CCS projects are allowed to proceed, then we would support legislation that would establish requirements for carbon dioxide sequestration regarding emergency preparedness, notice of the construction of pipelines, and ground water quality, contamination, remediation, and financial security.
<b>Senate Natural Resources</b>	<a href="#">SB 73</a>	Mike Reese (R-Beauregard, Calcasieu, Rapids, Vernon)	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL: Provides for sequestration of carbon dioxide. (8/1/25)</p> <p><i>News Coverage:</i>  <a href="#">GOP support of carbon capture fractures in Louisiana, nationally</a> (LA Illuminator, 4/21/25)</p> <p><a href="#">Louisiana lawmakers reject several carbon capture bills</a> (Center Square, 4/29/25)</p>	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p>Current Status: Sent to Governor</p> <p><i>League Position:</i> Since 2011 in its work on the Clean Air Promise Campaign, the League has worked to raise awareness of the dangers of harmful pollutants such as industrial carbon, particularly its effects on climate change. The science and technology of carbon sequestration are new, and LWVLA has not taken a formal position on CCS. If CCS does proceed, then the local government input and notice to and consent of landowners will be necessary to secure. However, these are minimal requirements that might not be enough to protect the public from the risk of CCS projects that fail and do damage to the environment.</p>