2022-2024 THREE-YEAR PLANNING PUBLIC COMMENT OVERVIEW

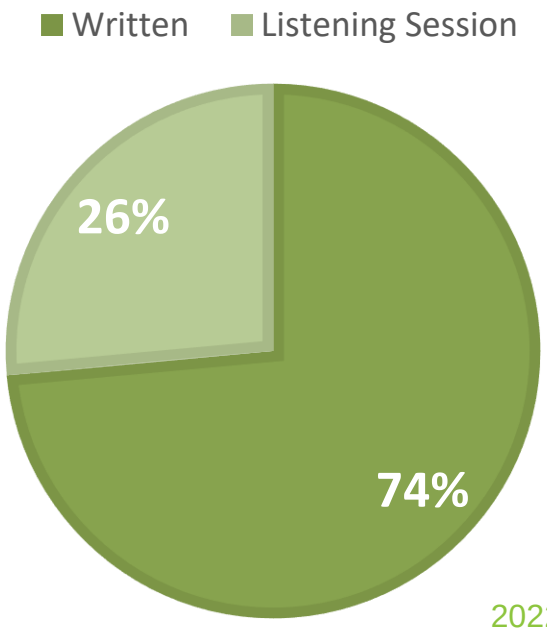
Comments Received to Date

THREE-YEAR PLANNING PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS

- Six virtual public comment listening sessions held between October and December 2020
- Written public comment was submitted throughout the Three-Year Planning workshop process. Written public comment can be submitted at any time to MA-EEAC@mass.gov
- Additional virtual public comment listening sessions planned for June 2021 in order to receive stakeholder feedback on the April Draft Plan

COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

151 Comments Received
(as of 4/8/21)



45 Organizations have submitted comments

67 Individual stakeholders have submitted comments

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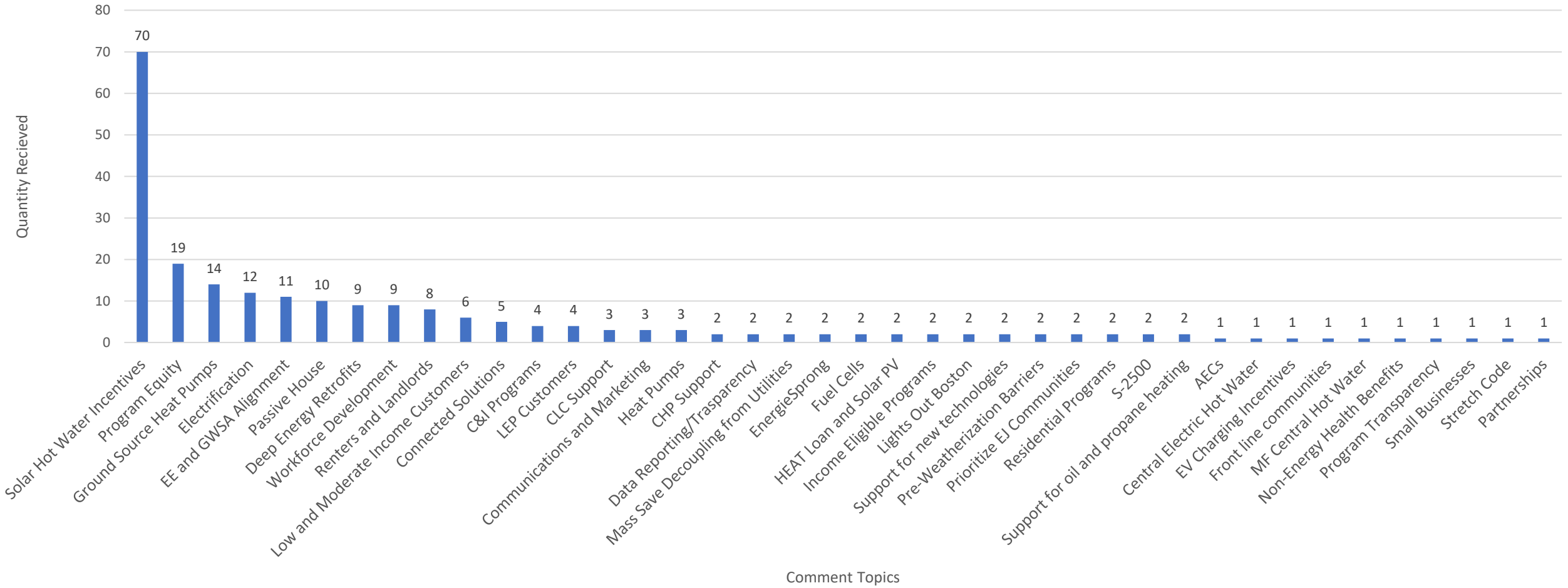

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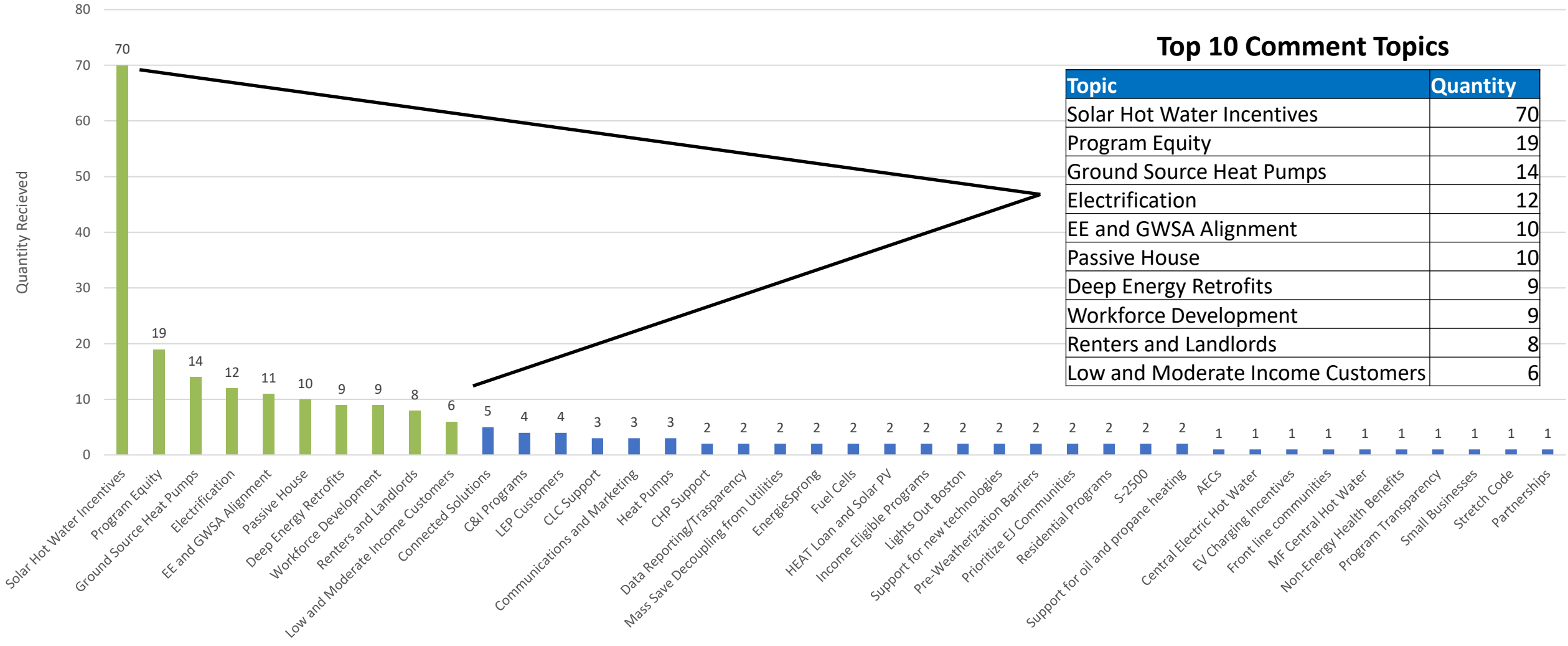

Top 10 Comment Topics

Topic	Quantity
Solar Hot Water Incentives	70
Program Equity	19
Ground Source Heat Pumps	14
Electrification	12
EE and GWSA Alignment	10
Passive House	10
Deep Energy Retrofits	9
Workforce Development	9
Renters and Landlords	8
Low and Moderate Income Customers	6

COMMON TOPICS - THEMES

- **Solar Hot Water**
  - Opportunity for reducing emissions from water heating
  - Economic benefits for rate payers
  - MassCEC incentives are ending, comments encouraged Mass Save to offer incentive going forward
  - *Note: Majority of the 70 comments were a form letter*

- **Program Equity**
  - Improved program support for historically underserved communities
  - Address participation barriers, including pre-weatherization barriers
  - Prioritize Environmental Justice Communities
  - Improve renter/landlord participation
  - Improve language accessibility
  - Workforce development, encourage diversity
  - Support for Equity Working Group recommendations
  - Improve program transparency
  - Public heath impacts of energy efficiency
  - Enhanced Moderate Income incentives
  - Local community partnerships

COMMON TOPICS – THEMES, CONTINUED

- **Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP)**
  - Opportunity for significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions/alignment with Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) goals
  - MA needs to provide robust incentives in order to build the market
  - GSHP systems have significant useful life
  - Opportunity for electrification/no fossil fuel backup required
  - Demand reduction
  - Reduced operating costs to rate payer
  - Supports healthy indoor air quality
- **Electrification**
  - Support for heat pumps
  - Include cost of GHG emissions in Mass Save cost-effectiveness test
  - Support for all-electric new construction
  - Provide incentives for electric central hot water systems for multi-family housing
  - Alignment of Passive House construction and electrification
  - Incentive for electric cooking equipment
  - Home Energy Assessment (HEA) guidance on electrification

COMMON TOPICS – THEMES, CONTINUED

- **Energy Efficiency and Global Warming Solutions Act Alignment**
  - Support enhanced retrofit and deep energy retrofits in C&I sector
  - Solar PV added to HEAT Loan
  - Support deep energy retrofits for affordable multi-family buildings
  - Provide support for no-cost electrification upgrades for moderate income households
- **Passive House**
  - Provide incentives for electric central hot water systems for multi-family buildings
  - Expand Passive House incentive program to include retrofit projects and 1-4 unit residential projects
  - Continue and expand Passive House Training Program in next 3-Year Plan – include partial tuition reimbursements for courses at technical institutes and community colleges
  - Collect data on completed projects in order to evaluate program/need for program transparency

COMMON TOPICS – THEMES, CONTINUED

- **Deep Energy Retrofits**
  - Support for significant envelope and HVAC system upgrades in commercial and industrial (C&I) buildings
  - Develop Deep Energy Retrofit Pilot
  - Alignment with Clean Energy and Climate Plan
  - Develop Passive House Retrofit offer
  - Provide grants supporting municipal deep energy retrofit projects
- **Workforce Development**
  - Increase investment in workforce development
  - Ensure equity in workforce development programs/offerings, including investment in underserved and EJ communities
  - Support for Equity Working Group workforce recommendations
  - Establish goals and benchmarks to increase workforce diversity
  - Continue/expand Passive House Training Program

COMMON TOPICS – THEMES, CONTINUED

- **Renters and Landlords**
  - Improve/expand program support for renters and landlords
  - Weatherization incentives for landlords
  - Guidance for energy savings measures that renters could do on their own
  - Consideration of language isolation as a barrier to participation
  - Guidance for landlords who own low income rental property on how to participate in programs
  - 100% Incentive offerings to landlords for low and moderate income properties
- **Low and Moderate Income Customers**
  - Support for Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO)
  - Enhanced incentives and financing mechanisms for low and moderate income customers to retrofit home
  - Connect community organizations with CAP agencies to better serve customers
  - Customers having difficulty with scheduling with CAP agencies
  - Support energy and carbon emissions reductions in affordable housing
  - Provide funding to LEAN for custom deep energy retrofits

SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT

- Written public comment can be submitted at any time to MA-EEAC@Mass.gov
- EEAC reserves time on each agenda for verbal public comment. EEAC monthly meeting schedule can be found at: https://ma-eeac.org/events/
- All written public comment received is posted to EEAC website: https://ma-eeac.org/public-comment/