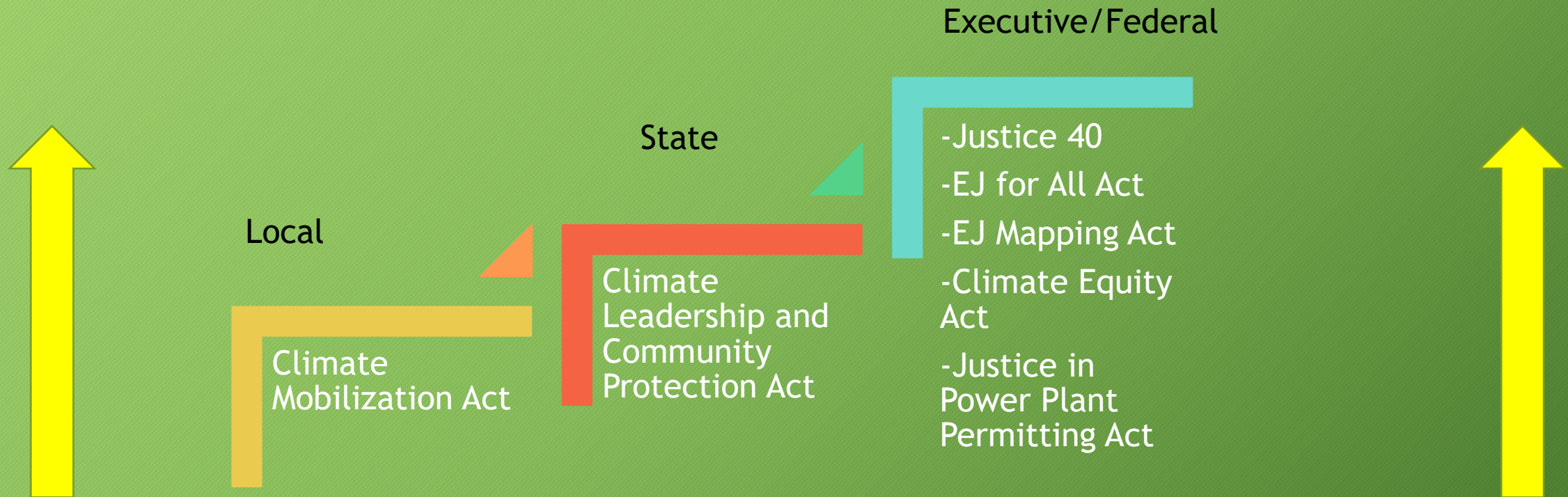


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Cumulative Impacts Bill

The purpose of this bill is to help ensure that disadvantaged communities do not continue to be disproportionately impacted by adverse environmental siting decisions.

*require an environmental impact statement to include effects of any proposed action on disadvantaged communities, including whether the action may cause or increase a disproportionate and/or inequitable burden on a disadvantaged community;

*require responsible agencies to make a determination of whether an action may cause or increase a disproportionate and/or inequitable burden on a disadvantaged community for any proposed action that is not defined as a minor project;

*require the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to prepare or cause to be prepared an existing burden report for all projects subject to the Uniform Procedures provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law;

*require DEC to adopt regulations identifying the form and content of the existing burden report that shall at a minimum include baseline monitoring data collected in the affected community within two years of the application, existing pollution source or categories of sources, and proximity to hazardous waste management facilities; and,

*prohibit DEC from issuing permits if it would cause or contribute to, either directly or indirectly, a disproportionate and/or inequitable pollution burden on a disadvantaged community.