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<b>VIRGINIA</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1917</a>	Electric utilities; renewable thermal energy	Includes solar thermal energy in the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (for residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional applications). Currently, only thermal energy produced by industrial CHP plants is included.	Support letter sent	<b>Passed</b> *House (93-Y 2-N 1-A) *Senate (33-Y 7-N)
<a href="#">SB 1023</a>	Electric utility regulation; exemption for purchases from renewable energy sellers.	Creates a pilot program for power purchase agreements with conditions under net metering	Support letter sent	<b>Passed</b> *Senate (39-Y 0-N) *House (97-Y 1-N 2-A) *House substitute agreed to by Senate (39-Y 1-N)
<a href="#">HB 1946</a>	Renewable energy; amends existing portfolio standard program.	Requires that from 2016 - 2025, the RPS goal each year must be met by (i) renewables generated, purchased, or represented by RECs produced in VA; and (ii) 40% of which must come from sunlight, on/offshore wind, wave/tides, or geothermal.	Support letter sent	<b>Killed in Committee</b> *House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote
<a href="#">SB 797</a>	Electric utilities; advanced meters.	Prohibitions and restrictions on utilities' use of advanced meters	Oppose - Letter Sent	<b>Killed In Committee</b> Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 3-N 1-A)
<a href="#">SB 1341</a>	Renewable energy facilities, certain; exemption from local zoning and land use regulations	Allows utilities to supersede local land use/zoning regulations to install large renewable energy systems (>4 MW on >25 acres), given state permitting and SCC approval.	Oppose - Letter Sent	<b>Killed in Committee</b> Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Local Government (14-Y 0-N)
<a href="#">HB 2261</a>	Investor-owned electric utilities; electric utility ratemaking.	Eliminates the 50 basis-point performance incentive for renewables under the state RPS and modifies other rules on adjusting utilities' combined rate of return on common equity.	Track	<b>Passed &amp; Signed</b> *House Emergency passage (97-Y 0-N 1-A) *Senate (40-Y 0-N)

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<a href="#">HB 1695</a>	Agricultural net metering	Original bill text enabled community net metering as well as agricultural net metering. Bill amended in committee, community net metering removed.	Track	<b>Passed</b> *House (94-Y 3-N 2-A) *Senate (40-Y 0-N)
<a href="#">HB 2334</a>	Electric utility regulation; sales by net metering sellers	Creates a pilot program for power purchase agreements with conditions under net metering	Track - acting on SB 1023	<b>Passed</b> *House Block Vote (100-Y 0-N) *Senate (40-Y 0-N) *House adopted Senate version
<a href="#">HB 1943</a>	Electrical utility facilities; consideration of stability of fuel prices.	Requires the State Corporation Commission to consider the long-term price stability of any fuels used for electricity generation.	Track	<b>Killed in Committee</b> *House: Left in Commerce and Labor

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<b>MARYLAND</b>				
<a href="#">HB 226</a>	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013	Alters the RPS to require up to 2.5% of energy consumed to be from offshore renewable energy by 2020. Stipulates cost control measures and an application process for OSW projects.	Support letter sent	Passed Second Reading w/ amendments
<a href="#">SB 275</a>	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013	See above	Support - Draft Letter	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. Finance
<a href="#">HB 0103</a>	School Buildings - Solar Technology - Design Development Documents	Requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that include information relating to use of solar technology during the construction or renovation of school buildings.	Support letter sent	Passed Second Reading w/ amendments
<a href="#">HB 40</a>	Residential Property Sales - Disclosure of Utility Consumption	Requires that the seller of a single family residential property displays or makes available utility information to prospective buyers. Authorizes a vendor to provide a home energy rating score.	Support letter sent	Hearing Thurs 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. Environmental Matters
<a href="#">SB 600</a>	Vehicle Laws - Electric Vehicles	Altering and harmonizing variations of the defined term "plug-in electric drive vehicle" as that term applies to planning by a utility for the availability and reliability of electric supply, excise tax credits, and exemptions allowing the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of passengers; extending the termination date for the exemption allowing the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles regardless of the number of passengers; etc.	NEW	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. Judicial Proceedings
<a href="#">HB 836</a>	Vehicle Laws - Electric Vehicles	See above	NEW	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Environmental Matters

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<a href="#">SB 728</a>	Tax Credits - Electric Vehicles - Extensions	Extending the credit against the State income tax for qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment for specified tax years; providing for the amount of tax credit certificates that may be issued by the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing that the credit is subject to available funding; transferring money from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund for fiscal 2014; etc.	NEW	Hearing 2/20 at 2:00 p.m. Budget and Taxation
<a href="#">HB 791</a>	Tax Credits - Electric Vehicles - Extensions	See above	NEW	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 681</a>	Maryland Energy Administration - Regulated Sustainable Energy Contract Program	Authorizing the Maryland Energy Administration to create a Regulated Sustainable Energy Contract Program to authorize qualified contractors to provide residential renewable energy installations and residential energy efficiency measures to residential property owners under specified regulated sustainable energy contracts; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to manage, supervise, and administer a specified Program; etc.	NEW	Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 684</a>	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Qualifying Biomass	Establishing a municipal solid waste portfolio standard; requiring the Department of the Environment to implement and manage a municipal solid waste portfolio standard for each county in the State during specified years; requiring each county to submit a specified report each year to the Department; requiring each county to pay specified compliance fees into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund under specified circumstances; limiting how the fees paid into the Fund may be used; etc.	NEW	Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.

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<a href="#">SB 699</a>	Electricity - Community Energy-Generating Facilities - Pilot Program	Establishing a pilot program on community energy-generating facilities under the authority of the Public Service Commission; requiring the Commission to adhere to specified guidelines in conducting the pilot program; authorizing the Commission to assess an administrative fee; stating the effectiveness of contracts entered into during the pilot program; prohibiting the Commission or an electric company from changing the terms of a contract entered into during the pilot program; etc	NEW	Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. Finance
<a href="#">SB 935</a>	Housing - Energy-Efficient and Green Homes - Construction Financing	Establishing the Energy-Efficient and Green Homes Construction Loan Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; establishing specified loan categories and criteria; establishing the Energy-Efficient and Green Homes Construction Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor to transfer a specified amount of money from the Revenue Stabilization Account to the Fund during a specified fiscal year; etc.	NEW	Budget and Taxation (hearing TBD)
<a href="#">HB 1173</a>	Electric and Gas Companies - On-Bill Financing	Establishing the Energy Efficiency On-Bill Financing Program; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring a utility company to participate in the Program; authorizing customers to obtain a loan for an energy efficiency upgrade under specified circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish standards for a qualifying energy efficiency upgrade and eligibility requirements for customers; authorizing a utility company to enter into a contract with a third-party lender to provide specified loans; etc.	NEW	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters

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<a href="#">MC/PG 104-13</a>	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Water Conservation On-Bill Financing Program	Authorizes WSSC to establish a Water Conservation On-Bill Financing Program.	Track	Montgomery and Prince George's County Delegations
<a href="#">SB 0136</a>	Solar Energy Grant Program - Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations	Authorizes housing coops, condominium councils and homeowners associations to receive grants under the Solar Energy Grant Program.	Support - Letter Sent	<b>Killed In Committee</b>
<b>CONGRESSIONAL</b>				
<a href="#">H.R. 469</a>	Heat Island and Smog Reduction Act of 2013	Requires federal agencies to develop urban heat island reduction plans for facilities in ozone nonattainment areas that include increased tree cover and sun reflectivity		Sponsor: Connolly
<a href="#">H.R. 472</a>	Federal Cost Reduction Act of 2013	*Promotes PPAs for cost savings in energy *Establishes the Federal Facility Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects Fund		Sponsor: Connolly