

# 2024 LEGISLATIVE KICK OFF

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## CEEPC Legislative Committee

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# CEEPC Legislative Committee Background

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- CEEPC's Legislative Committee is a small group of CEEPC members who periodically meet with staff to review legislative initiatives in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia
- COG staff track various bills during the legislative session that fall within COG's legislative priorities
- A series of ad hoc calls are held to determine specific bills to send comment letters on
- The committee primarily runs from January – April

# COG Board Legislative Priorities

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The COG Board adopts [legislative priorities](#) every year in January covering:

- Transportation Funding
- Housing
- Environment: Water Quality, Climate Resiliency, Air Quality
- Human Services
- Public Health Preparedness
- Homeland Security
- Food Security
- Infrastructure Investment

<https://www.mwco.org/documents/2024/01/10/cog-legislative-priorities-featured-publications-infrastructure-legislative-priorities/>

# 2024 COG Legislative Priorities

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## *Climate and Energy Innovation & Air Quality Protection*

- Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals
- Support Multi-Sector Actions to Reduce Greenhouse Gases
- Ensure Sustainable Secure Energy Access for All
- Support Aggressive State Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Expand Clean Energy Innovation, Technology and Finance
- Support Aggressive Energy Efficiency Goals
- Enhance Incentives and Financing Mechanisms for Resilient Infrastructure
- Support Policies that Preserve and Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health

# Key Dates in VA/MD/DC

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## Virginia

- Session convened January 10
- Crossover is February 13
- Adjournment: March 09

## Maryland

- Session convened January 10
- Crossover is March 18
- Adjournment: April 08

## D.C.

- 2-year session 2023-24

# Virginia Legislation

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- State Air Pollution Control Board
  - A series of bills seek to repeal the requirement that the State Air Pollution Control Board implement a low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program for motor vehicles with a model year of 2025 and later
- Data Centers
  - Several bills seek to require data center operators to meet certain energy efficiency standards in order to be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases. Bills have also been introduced to require site assessments to examine the effect of data centers on water usage and carbon emissions as well as impacts on agricultural resources.

# Maryland Legislation

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- Climate and Environmental Equity
  - Legislation would require an evaluation regarding the impact of permit issuance related to climate and environmental equity.
- Solar Program
  - Legislation would establish a program for the purpose of increasing deployment of customer-sited solar energy generating system and providing grants to eligible customer-generators for certain solar energy generating systems.
- Smart Growth
  - A variety of bills seek to alter membership and duties of the Smart Growth Cabinet.

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