

# 2024 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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## CEEPC Legislative Committee

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Metropolitan Washington  
**Council of Governments**

# 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



# 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.
- Green Finance
  - A few bills seek to establish sources or funding for GHG-reducing projects or clean energy technology deployment.
- Data Centers
  - Several bills seek to require data center operators to meet certain energy efficiency standards. Bills have also been introduced to require site assessments to examine the effect of data centers on water usage and carbon emissions, etc.

# Maryland Legislation

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- Energy Efficiency / Building Performance Standards
  - Legislation would require new buildings and significant improvements of buildings and structures to meet water and space heating demands without the use of fossil fuels, meet energy conservation requirements, and meet an electric- and solar-ready standard.
- Green Finance
  - Like Virginia, there are a handful of bills in Maryland seeking to establish funds for green infrastructure and clean energy technology deployment.

# District of Columbia Legislation

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- EV Infrastructure
  - Legislation would expand the District’s Electric Vehicle Charging Station Pilot Program to deploy EV charging stations in areas lacking EV infrastructure. It would also require DDOT to create an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment and Management Plan in 2024 to aid in assessing the electric grid’s readiness and resiliency for EV charging.
- EJ / Equity
  - Legislation would establish a “cumulative impact statement” process that must be completed to obtain District permits and other relief for environmentally harmful actions in overburdened communities.



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