

CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Legislative Priorities and 2019's Legislative Outlook for the Region

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2019 Climate and Energy Legislative Committee Members

- **District of Columbia**

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- Austina Casey, DC DOT
- Stephen Gyor, DC OP

- **Maryland**

- Mary Lehman, MD House of Delegates
- Leta Mach, Greenbelt
- Al Carr, MD House of Delegates
- Tom Hucker, Montgomery County
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- **Virginia**

- Dan Sze, City of Falls Church (Chair)
- Penelope Gross, Fairfax County
- Erik Gutshall, Arlington County
- Robert Lazaro, NVRC



COG's 2019 Legislative Priorities

- To be adopted by COG Board (Jan)
- 2018 Climate and Energy & Air Quality Protection Priorities:
 - Support Deployment of Clean Energy Innovation and Technology
 - Expand Clean Energy Finance
 - Enhance Energy Security and Resilience
 - Support Policies that Preserve and Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health
 - Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals



2019 Important Dates

- **District of Columbia**
 - **January 8 – First Council Legislative Meeting**
 - **Thereafter, Council meets on the first Monday of each month**

2019 Important Dates - Maryland

- **Maryland**
 - **January 9 – General Assembly Convenes**
 - **February 4 – Senate Bill Introduction**
 - **February 8 – House Bill Introduction**
 - **March 18 – Bill Crossover**
 - **April 8 – Adjournment “Sine Die”**
 - **April 28 – Final Date to present Bills to Governor**
 - **May 28 – Deadline for Governor to Sign/Veto Bills**



2019 Important Dates - Virginia

- **Virginia**
 - **January 9 – General Assembly Convenes**
 - **January 18 – All bills and joint resolutions filed**
 - **February 6 – Bill Crossover**
 - **February 23 – Adjournment “Sine Die”**
 - **April 3 – Reconvened Session Begins**

District of Columbia Legislation

- **B22-0904 – The CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018**
 - Passed in December 2018
 - Increases Renewable Portfolio Standard to 100% by 2032
 - Establishes solar energy standard post 2032
 - Establishes standards for electricity suppliers regarding renewable energy purchases
 - Removes restrictions on energy efficiency measures
 - Expands functions of the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund
 - Establishes an energy performance standard program for buildings at DOEE
 - Authorizes Mayor to commit the District to participation in regional greenhouse gas emission reducing programs
 - Requires DMV to issue regulations tying the vehicle excise tax to fuel efficiency



Expected Maryland Legislation

- **Clean Energy Jobs Act**
 - Similar bill (HB 1453) was withdrawn last year after receiving an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee
 - New bill would expand Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% by 2030
- **Community Solar Bill**
- **Expanded Polystyrene Ban**
- **Green Amendment to Constitution**
 - Senate Committee held a hearing regarding an environmental constitutional amendment last year
 - Since then, a new coalition has been advancing this issue
 - Would establish a constitutional right to uncontaminated water and air, and a healthy environment for present and future generations of Marylanders



Expected Virginia Legislation

- **Already a number of bills filed**
- **2 Net Metering Proposals expected to come out of the Rubin Group**
- **2 Solar Bills:**
 1. **Solar Freedom Bill**
 - Removes 1% cap on net metered solar
 - Confirms legality of PPAs for customer-sited solar
 - Allows local governments to install solar facilities of up to 5 MW on government-owned property and use the electricity for nearby government-owned buildings
 2. **Delegate Kathy Tran proposing a similar bill that is narrower in focus – Focused on local government**
- **RGGI revenues bill**

Looking Forward

- **The proposed Green New Deal**
 - Comprehensive proposal to deal with climate change and income inequality
 - Ambitious goal of converting the country's entire power supply to renewable energy within 10 from the deal's adoption
 - Upgrades building stock with energy efficiency measures
 - Funds investment into green technologies
 - Includes proposal to provide opportunity, training, and education to all Americans
 - Also includes universal healthcare programs and a jobs guarantee program

