

Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee Update

March 21, 2011

The Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee met by phone on two occasions to discuss pending legislation in Maryland and Virginia. See the chart below for a list of the bills that the committee commented on.

The subcommittee sent a letter against one bill in the Virginia legislature. The Virginia legislative session is closed and will reconvene on April 6, 2011.

The subcommittee sent letters in support of ten bills in the Maryland legislature that met the following criteria: direct support for a Climate Action Plan Goal; reduce energy use or encourage alternative fuel use; no cost or a sustainable funding structure for the State or the Public Service Commission; and support from either the Maryland Clean Energy Center, the Maryland Municipal League or the Maryland Association of Counties. The Maryland legislative session will close on April 11, 2011.

Category	Number	Bill	Status (as of 3/21/11)
VIRGINIA			
Energy Efficiency	HB 1397	Residential Energy Efficiency Standards; Exempt Certain Homes from Federal Cap and Trade Legislation	Left in committee at the end of the legislative session
MARYLAND			
Energy Financing	SB646/HB795	Green Business Incentive Zones	In committee.
Utilities	SB244/HB597	Customer Education on Customer Choice	House 3 rd reading passed with amendments (138-0). (3/18/11)
	SB380/HB860	Net Energy Metering	Senate Committee recommended as favorable with amendments. (3/18/2011)
	HB905	Street Lighting- Purchase of Equipment by Local Government and Tariff	In committee.
Electric Vehicles/ Transportation	SB176/HB167	Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council	3 rd reading passed in House with amendments (107-28), Senate 3 rd reading passed with amendments (45-1). (3/18/11)
Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency	SB690/HB1121	Renewable Energy Portfolio- Waste-to-Energy	3 rd reading passed in Senate with amendments (47-0). (3/15/11)
	SB715/HB1123	Long-Term Contracts- Solar Renewable Energy Credits	In committee.
	SB717/HB933	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard- Renewable Energy Credits- Solar Water Heating Systems	3 rd reading passed in Senate with amendments (47-0). (3/17/11)
	SB861/HB1054	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act	In committee.
	HB829	Renewable Energy for All Act	In committee.