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House Joint Resolution 7 (Delegate George, *et al.*)

Rules and Executive Nominations

Wind Power Project at Greenbury Point

This joint resolution expresses the General Assembly's support of the U.S. Navy's consideration of a wind power project at Greenbury Point.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Compliance with this joint resolution will not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Over the past several years the General Assembly has passed several pieces of legislation aimed at promoting renewable energy. Most notably, Maryland's renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) requires the State to obtain 20% of its energy supply from renewable sources by 2022.

In January 2010, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) released its *Maryland Energy Outlook* report that makes various recommendations for advancing the State's energy goals, including modifying the State's RPS. Building on those recommendations, the Administration has introduced several pieces of legislation for consideration during the 2010 session relating to clean energy, including bills that would accelerate the RPS; reauthorize the Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit; and establish a regulatory framework for offshore wind energy development.

According to MEA, Alpha Energy, LLC is moving forward with plans to erect a met mast at the decommissioned Greenbury Point Naval Radio Transmitting Facility near Annapolis. The project could host between 6 and 10 utility scale wind turbines.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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