



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

House Bill 1349
Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement

- ***Why is the Bill being introduced?***

The Bill is being introduced as an alternative, market-based solution to help Maryland meet or even exceed its clean energy goals faster and cheaper than other options.

The proposal evolves our existing RPS program to meet the more aggressive clean energy targets being discussed. It relies on the trade of clean energy attributes, which are very similar to the renewable energy credits that are traded today to meet Maryland's RPS.

- ***What does the Bill do?***

- It sets a new clean energy standard that would get us to 100% clean energy by 2040
- It allows companies and customers to voluntarily purchase more clean energy if they choose to.
- It creates a central auction process that would buy clean energy credits three years before they would need to be delivered to allow time for new generation resources to be built.
- All carbon free electricity generators would compete to sell their clean energy attributes at the lowest possible cost.
- New clean energy resources can lock in the price for 7 years, creating a stable revenue stream that will help them get financing to build their projects.

- ***Why is it important to pass now?***

This proposal will help ensure that Maryland can meet its decarbonization goals as quickly and cheaply as possible.

Rather than being a complete departure from our current approach to securing renewable energy, this proposal builds on our existing RPS program and positions Maryland to be a leader in its pursuit of a clean energy future.

By relying on the market to meet those goals, it ensures that Maryland consumers do not overpay for that clean energy.

The chairman has tasked a work group with exploring options for protecting Maryland's clean energy interests. To the extent this committee is not ready to make a commitment to this concept, then I urge you to enable it to be considered during the work group discussions. We need to consider all options available to us to meet our goals, and this proposal deserves consideration.

I urge you to give this bill a favorable report.