



Maryland Senate – Finance Committee

Chair: Delores G. Kelley
Vice Chair: Brian J. Feldman

Senate Bill 148 – Transition From Fossil Fuels – Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rate and Transition Plan and Fund (Maryland Coal Community Transition Act of 2021)

Position: Oppose

Electrical Workers
 Insulators
 Boilermakers
 United Association
 Roofers
 Cement Masons
 Teamsters
 Laborers
 Bricklayers
 Ironworkers
 Sheet Metal Workers
 Elevator Constructors
 Painters
 Operating Engineers
 Carpenters

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council opposes SB 148. To be clear we are not climate change deniers, but feel the need to oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1. Closure dates listed in the bill do not coincide with dates listed by the Owners i.e. Morgantown schedule for closure by the owner is 2027 not 2024, H.A. Wagner is 2030 and Warrior Run does not have a closure date.
2. Page 4 line 13 (1) A minimum of 20 workers required for displaced worker designation.
3. Page 4 line 19 (3) What documentation is required and for duration of time is considered adequate before you can say “unable to replace lost wages”
4. Line 21 What documentation of lost wages and percentages is required and to whom is it reported to. Does unemployment compensation count?
5. Is the Fund codified or arbitrary to the whim of the Administration.
6. Page 6 line 18 – 2. Why is youth apprenticeship being included to retrain displaced workers? Aren’t these workers out of High School already?

If the plan is to transition from fossil fuels the following systems must be put into each State public works projects for renovation and new construction RFP to include green roofs, solar, wind, geothermal, rain water catchment and the thermal skin of buildings required in any building specifications going forward. Furthermore MWh are not a one to one trade off from what coal can produce compared to solar and wind. The Great Bay wind project in Somerset County would generate 150 MW. Also, the offshore wind projects; Marwin wind project takes up 79,707 acres to erect 32 wind turbines for 248 megawatts of energy and the Skipjack wind project with 26,332 acres for 10 turbines and 120 megawatts of energy for a total of 518 megawatts of energy. A far cry from the 2647 MW at Chalk Point and Morgantown's 1,412 MW which also supplies energy to the District of Columbia. More facts on MD energy as stated on the energy information agency website.

[Maryland - State Energy Profile Analysis - U.S. Energy ... - EIA
 www.eia.gov › state › analysis › sid=MD](http://www.eia.gov/state/analysis/sid=MD)



Without nuclear energy as a tier one renewable and the reuse of spent rods for fuel MD will not meet it's energy needs with wind and solar alone

We ask for an unfavorable report by the committee.

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Sincerely,
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