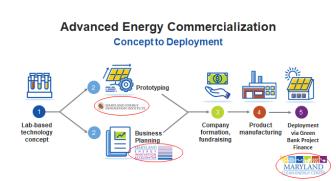


# HB 419/ SB 460- Economic Development - Advanced Clean Energy and Clean Energy Innovation Investments and Initiatives

#### Language included in the legislation:

- Broadens the definition of clean energy to include advanced energy and grid modernization technologies
- Clarifies the capability of MCEC to serve as the state Green Bank and to finance energy measures on state facilities
- Ensures a predictable, consistent annual appropriation of \$2.1 M to support the energy technology innovation activities of the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute, the work of the Maryland Clean Energy Center, and the Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator
- Directs the transfer of funds from the SEIF to Maryland Energy Innovation Fund using RGGI proceeds.
- Alters the composition of the MCEC Board of Directors to include an ex officio seat for the Director of MEII



# Background:

Maryland Energy Innovation Institute (MEI<sup>2</sup>);

Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC); and

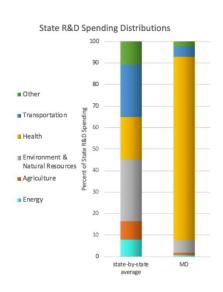
Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator (MEIA) Work together to move advanced energy technologies from the lab to market adoption.

It will take more financial resources than public funds available to achieve state climate goals and grow the innovation economy in Maryland. MEI<sup>2</sup> and MCEC are crowding in federal and private capital for every state dollar spent to address the need faster and more efficiently.

With Maryland's energy research leadership and appropriate innovation infrastructure this could be major growth area for the Maryland economy. However, Maryland is last (#50) among all states in diversity of technology support for economic development, and there was no Maryland focused early stage energy investment in Maryland until MEI<sup>2</sup>.

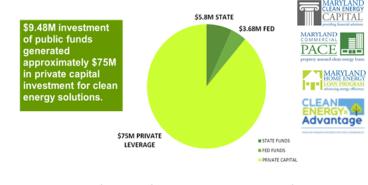
MEI<sup>2</sup> Funding Supports Innovation Seed Grants to bridge the gap between transformative academic research and VC-Ready Proof-of-Concept. In first three years 14 seed grants were awarded to University of Maryland College Park (UMCP), University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Johns Hopkins University (JHU), and Morgan State University (MSU). Demand for these seed grants has grown rapidly far exceeding current budget to support.

MEI<sup>2</sup> Funding helps grow Maryland's federal energy research funding and to date has provided a 20X ROI for the State.



**MCEC Financing Programs crowd in private** capital for Municipal, University, School, Notfor Profit, Small Business, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural and Residential consumers deploy clean energy technologies.





MEIA, a program of MCEC, facilitates translation of emerging energy technologies from research to market by wrapping business expertise around licensable discoveries to pull them toward commercialization.

Without a predictable commitment of operating capital MCEC will be unable to continue successfully helping create new companies and financing energy cost saving measures for consumers.

Public funding for state energy programs and investments averaged \$314M in the past three years, and RGGI revenue trended to grow for the past three years; but the commitment to the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund, to support MEI<sup>2</sup> and MCEC has been only 0.5% of that total for the same period.

EmPOWER surcharge and **RGGI proceeds combined** expenditures averaged approximately \$314M/ yr.

MEIF state funding for the last three years has been less than 0.5% of that total

It will only be 0.6% with added funding.

■ Energy Efficiency Spend Over Three Years ■ EmPower ■ RGGI ■ MEIF

Maryland Energy Program Spend 2017-2020

RGGI

21%

\*RGGI for FY18, 19 & 20 EmPOWER for Calendar 2017, 2018 & 2019

## RGGI Revenue Trending Upward from FY18-20



#### MEIF \$1.5 M \$65.9 M 0.5% EmPOWER \$247 M 79%

MEIF has been included in the budget for spending the Strategic Energy Innovation Fund since 2017. HB 419/ SB460 Seeks to continue the investment with a minor increase in the future.

\$1.5M of RGGI proceeds funding for the

## FY20 Strategic Energy Investment Fund Actual Expenditures



\$1.5 M was included in the SEIF appropriation for MEIF sub-grantees.

Bill calls for an increase of \$600.000 in the future.

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