



**MARYLAND**  
*Association of*  
**COUNTIES**

## **House Bill 1149**

### *Public Service Commission - Full Costs and Benefits Analysis of Sources of Electricity Generation*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Economic Matters Committees

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 1149. This bill requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a cost and benefit analysis for certain sources of energy generation.

The 2025 Maryland General Assembly faces an unprecedented set of generational challenges, with energy emerging as a top priority, second only to the daunting budget hurdles and stark changes in federal policies. As the state transitions toward renewable energy sources and full electrification, a predominant concern needs to be ensuring grid reliability and affordability for residents. HB 1149 is a commonsense bill because it aims to help fill certain informational gaps related to certain energy sources. Having a more robust picture of the impacts of certain sources helps policymakers at all levels make better informed decisions.

HB 1149 is a good governance, commonsense bill. For this reason, MACo urges the Committee to give HB 1149 a **FAVORABLE** report.