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Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) was created as a body politic and corporate instrumentality of state in 2008 through an act of the Maryland General Assembly.

MCEC focuses on an economic development mission to advance the adoption of clean energy and energy efficiency products, services, and technologies with associated jobs, wages, and tax revenue for Maryland. MCEC leverages private capital and private sector capabilities; facilitates the commercialization of innovative advanced energy technologies; implements climate justice initiatives, strives to reduce energy costs for consumers, and drives reductions in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the use of fossil fuels.

HB1273 – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and Customer-Sited Solar Program - Alterations

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 1 PM
Committee: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment / Budget and Taxation Committees
Recommendation: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT REPORT

MCEC supports the intent and purpose of this legislation and applauds efforts to provide a funding source for loans and grants intended to expand building and transportation electrification in Maryland through the Regional Greenhouse gas Initiative auction revenue.

MCEC launched the Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator in 2019 to assist Climate Tech Innovators facing challenges when trying to get their technologies to market. The organization implemented a three-phase program that includes a Pre-Accelerator, Launchpad, and Climate Technology Founder’s Fund. Each phase offers tailored resources and services for each stage of the entrepreneurial journey.

The amendment, requested by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), authorizes the appropriation of funding approved with the passage of SB0960 and signed by the Governor in 2024. **The restrictive deadline for the funds to move per language in the bill prevented the transfer. The amendment adjusts the timeline to allow the funds to be deployed for the intended purpose in FY2026.**

MCEC appreciates your consideration and urges a favorable with amendment report on this legislation.