



# Maryland Energy Administration

**TO:** Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee  
**FROM:** MEA  
**SUBJECT:** HB 143 - Electric Company Contracts, Capacity Market Models, and Regional Transmission Organizations - Studies  
**DATE:** February 3, 2026

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## **MEA Position: LETTER OF INFORMATION**

The Maryland Energy Administration recognizes and shares the General Assembly's concern regarding rising electricity costs, capacity market outcomes, and the responsiveness of regional market structures to State energy policy objectives. These issues are complex and central to Maryland's long-term energy affordability and reliability. As currently drafted, the subject matter contemplated by House Bill 143 overlaps with ongoing and recently initiated work that is underway within the Strategic Energy Resource Office, the Administration, Maryland General Assembly leadership, and State regulatory agencies to address Maryland's broader energy resource planning and electric market participation challenges.

In December 2025, Governor Moore announced an Administration-led, interagency effort focused on evaluating Maryland's long-term energy resource adequacy, system reliability, market participation, and ratepayer impacts. That work involves close coordination among the Maryland Energy Administration, the Public Service Commission, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Office of People's Counsel, and includes examination of capacity procurement strategies, wholesale market structures, and Maryland's engagement within regional transmission organizations. Many of the analyses required under House Bill 143 are currently within the scope of this ongoing effort. This duplication may strain limited agency resources, create overlapping timelines and deliverables, and risk fragmenting the State's approach to complex regional market and transmission questions that benefit from a unified analytical framework.

For these reasons, the Maryland Energy Administration submits this letter of information to note the substantial overlap with ongoing work and to encourage continued coordination as Maryland evaluates potential changes to capacity procurement, market participation, and regional transmission structures. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten, Policy Manager, at [megan.outten@maryland.gov](mailto:megan.outten@maryland.gov) or 443.842.1780.