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House Bill 970

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Nuclear Energy and Renaming

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

Position: **UNFAVORABLE**

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **OPPOSES House Bill 970**, which renames the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard to the Clean Energy Portfolio Standard and includes nuclear power generation as a Tier 2 renewable source.

The Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) has been a pivotal tool as the state moves away from greenhouse gas-emitting energy generation. RPS incentivizes renewable energy growth and helps ensure a stable market for renewables in the state while setting critical targets for clean energy transition¹. While nuclear energy does not generate greenhouse gases, nuclear is factually not a renewable source, nor need it be incentivized like wind and solar. 40% of Maryland's energy generation already comes from the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Calvert County².

The RPS should continue its function as an incentive to increase solar, wind, and other truly renewable energy sources.

CBF urges the Committee's UNFAVORABLE report on HB 970.

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¹ [DLS Introduction to the RPS, 2025](#)

² [Maryland at a Glance: Energy](#)