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HB0119: Energy Performance Contracts

Environment and Transportation Committee

Tuesday, February 3rd - 2:00 pm

Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

Over the last 20 years, Maryland reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by a greater percentage than any other state. Driven largely by bold changes in energy generation, policies in place today could reduce emissions 51% from the 2006 baseline by 2031 – only 9% shy of the goal set in the Climate Solutions Now Act.¹ Maryland is moving quickly in the right direction and can continue to lead the country by improving the energy efficiency of public infrastructure.

HB0119 establishes eight regional Climate Navigators in the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) to assist public bodies, like municipal governments and small agencies, in adopting clean energy and decarbonizing operations. These navigators will serve as trusted advisors helping entities design energy improvement projects, apply for grants and loans, and coordinate with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to ensure projects are financially sound and achieve meaningful energy savings. MCEC will receive an annual appropriation of \$1.5 million from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) to run the navigator program.

HB0119 is designed to help public institutions across Maryland access the financial and technical support they need to make their buildings more energy efficient and cost-effective.

I urge the Committee to give a favorable report on HB 119

¹ <https://www.mdcleanenergy.org/news/maryland-reduced-emissions/>