



**HoCoClimateAction.org**  
Howard County, Maryland

**HB0087 – Income Tax - Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit**

**Hearing Date: January 29, 2026**

**Bill Sponsor: Delegate Vogel**

**Committee: Ways and Means**

**Submitting: Liz Feighner for Howard County Climate Action**

**Position: Favorable**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

[HoCo Climate Action](#) is a [350.org](#) local chapter and a grassroots organization representing approximately 1,400 subscribers. We are also a member of the [Climate Justice Wing](#) of the [Maryland Legislative Coalition](#). Our organization works with residents and ally organizations to promote a safe climate and clean energy future.

We urge you to vote favorably on the **Income Tax - Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit, [HB0087](#)**, which would help Marylanders afford certain energy efficient home improvements by creating state tax credits, with certain limitations, to offset these costs.

Our organization has worked extensively on building electrification to ensure a safe climate and to help Maryland achieve its ambitious climate goals, including net-zero emissions. Rising energy costs have become a crisis for many Maryland families and Marylanders across the state lack the resources to adopt renewable-energy technologies or implement energy-efficiency measures.

**HB0087** will create a state version of the federal tax credit enacted under the Biden Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which was repealed in 2025 by the Trump administration. The bill allows a state income tax credit of up to 30% of the costs paid by an individual for energy efficient improvements made to the individual's residence, but not to exceed \$3,200 during a taxable year. Qualifying improvements include energy audits, weatherization, and installation of efficient space and water heat pumps, biomass stoves, and biomass boilers.

These **HB0087** tax credits will help Maryland residents take advantage of energy audits, weatherization improvements, and appliance upgrades. Energy efficient improvements to homes lower energy usage, reduce costs, and keep residents safe and comfortable in their homes. And because heat pump technologies are 2-3 times more energy efficient than conventional electric heating or natural gas heating, investment in energy efficiency measures also contributes to reductions in peak electricity demand, greenhouse gas emissions, and grid reliability over time.

We support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report in committee.

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