



# HOTLIST

Week of January 31, 2022

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to present the "Hot List" – a detailed list of environmental legislation moving through the Maryland General Assembly. This will be emailed to every legislator every Tuesday and will also be available online on our website. We hope you find this weekly communication helpful and instructive as you tackle important environmental bills this session. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Harbeson at [kharbeson@mdlcv.org](mailto:kharbeson@mdlcv.org) or 410-952-8100

## MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

### Appropriations

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB300/SB290</u></a>	 <p>MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS</p> <p>Environmental Community Priority</p>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2023)</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	The State's budget surplus for the 2023 fiscal year and the expectation of federal funding dedicated to climate and water quality improvements create an unprecedented opportunity for the state to advance its goals for greenhouse gas reduction and to meet the 2025 Chesapeake Bay Blueprint, while honoring the principles of Justice 40.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	The federal guidelines for Justice 40 ensure that significant resources are directed to communities that have suffered generations of disinvestment and structural racism.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing not scheduled	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support with identified priorities - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Speaker/President	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Economic Matters	



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## Economic Matters

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB11</u></a>	 <p>MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS</p> <p><b>Priority</b></p>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2022</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Removes all incineration from receiving subsidies within the state Renewable Portfolio Standards.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	Incinerators, such as the BRESKO incinerator in Baltimore, contribute to poor respiratory health conditions in the surrounding communities, many of which are lower income and/or communities of color. This bill is a priority of the Environmental Justice Coalition.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing not scheduled	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Stewart	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Economic Matters	

## Environment and Transportation

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB141</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>SB23</u></a>	 <p>MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS</p> <p><b>Priority</b></p>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Requires that equity analyses be conducted before changes can be made in public transportation policy, particularly changes that would distribute their impacts in a pattern that disproportionately adversely affect protected classes identified by race, color, national origin, etc.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	The equity impact of this bill is implicit in its intent and text, and is a priority of the Environmental Justice Coalition	
<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is a priority of the Climate Partners.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Already Heard - January 17	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Environment and Transportation	



<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB94</u></a>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other Light-Duty Vehicles</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	This bill requires all contracts for all passenger cars and other light-duty vehicles need to be for zero-emission vehicles, leading to a complete transition of the fleet by 2035. The long-term savings in fuel operation, and maintenance costs makes zero-emission vehicles a more cost-effective investment over the lifetime of the vehicles, although the initial monetary outlay may be higher than for their fossil counterparts. More importantly, transitioning to zero-emission buses will reduce the health and environmental risks from air pollution caused by exhaust fumes.
<b>EQUITY</b>	The transportation sector is the single largest contributor to the state's climate emissions. The environmental and health impacts of this pollution are disproportionately borne by low income communities and communities of color.
<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is also a provision within the Climate Solutions Now Act
<b>STATUS</b>	Bill Heard: January 20
<b>POSITION</b>	Support
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Fraser-Hidalgo
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Environment and Transportation

## Health and Government Operations

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB275/SB273</u></a>	<b>Environmental Community Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Per-and-polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, are a family of approximately 5,000 man-made organic chemicals used in myriad consumer products. Because of their unique carbon-fluorine bonds, PFAS are resistant to degradation in the environment, can persist for decades in water and air, and accumulate in our bodies over time. This bill comprehensively addresses PFAS contamination by adopting some of the country's strongest PFAS policies.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	We don't yet know the scope of our PFAS pollution problem in Maryland, although the substance is present throughout the state in waterways and aquatic life that people eat. Generally speaking, communities of color are disproportionately impacted by toxic chemical exposure in consumer products, homes, and water.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing: February 9 - 1:30pm	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Environmental Community Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Love/Elfreth	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Health and Government Operations	



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## Ways and Means

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB76</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>SB264</u></a>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Exemption from Property Taxes</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	This bill provides property tax exemption for community solar projects on rooftops, parking lots, brownfields and other previously developed properties, and reserves 50% of their energy for low and moderate income (LMI) consumers. LMI consumers receive 20-25% reduction on their energy bills.
<b>EQUITY</b>	Under current regulations, very few projects are being built for low and moderate income consumers, preventing them from receiving the environmental and economic benefits of solar energy. This bill helps to address those challenges.
<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is also a provision within the Climate Solutions Now Act
<b>STATUS</b>	Bill Heard: January 19
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Smith/Elfreth
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Ways and Means



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## Budget and Taxation

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<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is also a provision within the Climate Solutions Now Act
<b>STATUS</b>	Bill Heard: January 25
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Elfreth/Smith
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Budget and Taxation



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<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB290/HB300</u></a>	 <p>MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS</p> <p><b>Environmental Community</b></p> <p><b>Priority</b></p>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2023)</b>	
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<b>POSITION</b>	Support with identified priorities- <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	President/Speaker	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Budget and Taxation	

<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB0528</u></a>	 <p>MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS</p> <p><b>Environmental Community</b></p> <p><b>Priority</b></p>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	The bill changes Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction requirements to 60% below 2006 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2045. The bill also calls on the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to determine the percentage of state funds spent on climate change that must go to environmental justice communities. It also creates a work group to protect impacted workers. Finally, the bill provides several mitigation policies.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	This bill addresses environmental injustices by: 1) reducing the emission causing climate impacts disproportionately in low-wealth communities and communities of color 2) ensuring a portion of state climate funds are spent on environmental justice communities, 3) helping create jobs at all levels.	
<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is a priority of the Climate Partners	
<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing: February 15 - 1:00pm (EHE)	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (Budget and Tax)	



## Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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<b>CLIMATE</b>	This bill is a priority of the Climate Partners.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Bill Heard: January 26	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Carter/Ruth	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	

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<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing: February 2	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Elfreth/Love	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	



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<b>STATUS</b>	Hearing: February 15 (EHE)	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support - <b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Pinsky	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (Budget and Tax)	

Maryland League of Conservation Voters distributes our “hotlist” every week to make sure you know the bills that we are tracking, where they are in the process, and what the environmental position is for those bills. Maryland LCV also produces a scorecard at the end of every legislative session. Scores are drawn from all public record votes (Committee, Floor, Amendment) on every bill that we are tracking.

**While not every bill is scored, any bill on our hotlist, or any vote that we communicate with you about by e-mail or through this Hotlist, may be scored.**

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