



MARYLAND
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2024 Legislative Priority

Fossil Fuel Transport Fee



BACKGROUND

Maryland seeks to broaden the Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-up, and Contingency Fund by imposing a fee on the transport of all fossil fuels within the state. This initiative builds upon the existing 8-cent per barrel fee for oil transfers, aiming to include coal and natural gas, thereby enhancing the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) and addressing potential fuel price impacts for low-income households.

- FY20 and FY22, the oil transfer fee alone generated over \$6.8 million annually, funding environmental cleanup and contingency efforts.
- Expanding this fee to cover coal and natural gas transport could significantly increase state revenue for environmental initiatives and equitable energy solutions.

Driving Maryland towards a sustainable and equitable energy future by expanding the Oil Spill Fund to include all fossil fuel transports.

WHAT THE FOSSIL FUEL TRANSPORT FEE WILL DO

- Extends the current fee to cover the intrastate transfer and export of coal and natural gas, aligning with Maryland's climate action and environmental justice goals.
- Allocates additional revenue to the SEIF for clean energy projects and supports low-income households affected by fuel price changes.
- Encourages cleaner transportation methods and reduced reliance on fossil fuels through financial incentives and regulatory measures.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR MARYLAND

This policy is a pivotal step towards Maryland's ambitious clean energy targets and environmental resilience. By ensuring a fair contribution from fossil fuel transports to the state's environmental and clean energy funds, Maryland can further its leadership in climate solutions, support equitable energy access, and protect its natural resources for future generations.



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