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Coal Dust Clean Up and Asthma Mitigation Fund (SB 882 / HB 1088)

FACT SHEET

Bill Sponsor: Senator Jim Rosapepe (District 21), Delegate Dana Stein (District 11B)

BACKGROUND

Maryland has a successful program that charges a fee on oil transport and allocates funds to help address oil spills and protect communities. This new legislative proposal builds on that model by addressing another pressing concern: the impact of coal transport on our communities and climate. Coal traveling through Maryland creates significant air pollution, affecting the health of residents living along transport routes. Additionally, the burning of coal creates greenhouse gas emissions and is contrary to fighting climate change. This bill creates a dedicated funding stream to address these impacts while supporting communities most affected by coal pollution.

- Coal transport creates significant air quality issues in nearby communities
- Burning coal conflicts with the state's climate goals
- Communities along transport routes face higher rates of asthma and respiratory issues
- Current funding for greenhouse gas pollution mitigation is insufficient

WHAT THE FUND WILL DO

- Establishes a fee of $13 per ton of coal transported through Maryland
- Creates a dedicated Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to address pollution impacts
- Directs 40% of revenue to support overburdened and underserved communities affected by coal transport
- Provides $5 million annually for asthma treatment programs targeting residents living along coal transport routes
- Generates approximately $300 million per year for climate programs

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR MARYLAND

This legislation provides a fair and practical solution to address the health and environmental impacts of coal transport through our state. By creating a dedicated funding source, we can better support communities that have long borne the burden of coal pollution. The fund ensures that those most affected by coal transport receive direct health benefits through asthma treatment programs, while also supporting broader climate initiatives. This approach follows Maryland's successful model of holding polluters accountable while generating resources for community protection and environmental cleanup.

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