

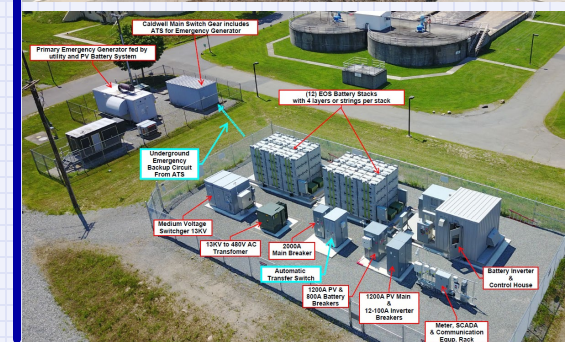


# MSSIA ANNUAL MEETING

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## NEW JERSEY POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2026

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## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### A3969

Increases solar development goals of SREC-II program and extends certain target dates of program to 2035.

*Identical Bill Number: S691*

**Extends end for solar program, currently 2026, to 2035. Program size 750 MW per year**

### A1072

Directs BPU and electric utilities to establish distributed battery storage programs.

- **Doubles distributed storage to 2,000 MW through 2030.**
- **500 MW utility-owned, but with private developers. 1,500 MW non-utility.**
- **Specifies the incentive structure and timeline.**

### A1059

Requires electric public utilities to submit to BPU and implement electric infrastructure improvement plans.

*Identical Bill Number: S668*

## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A3974**

Modifies various provisions of State's renewable energy incentive programs; requires electric public utilities to interconnect certain solar projects.

*Identical Bill Number: S3183*

**A3980**

Requires electric public utilities to develop and implement grid modernization plans.

**S657**

Requires electric public utilities to develop and implement grid modernization plans; appropriates \$300 million.

*Last Session Bill Number: S258*

**S648**

Requires BPU to study and implement methods to allow additional distributed energy sources to interconnect to electrical grid.

**A2524**

Permits dual-use solar facilities to participate in community solar program.

## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### A3132

Directs BPU to establish virtual power plant program to reduce peak demand for electric energy.

*Identical Bill Number: S3399*

### A3928

Requires BPU to designate solar portion of critical renewable microgrid as solar energy project under Community Solar Energy Program; requires Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to designate certain microgrids as assets of importance.

*Identical Bill Number: S651*

### A3263

Directs EDA to establish New Jersey Energy Independence Bank.

*Identical Bill Number: S3400*

### A3905

Concerns development of safe indoor storage standards for certain energy storage system batteries.

### A3911

Establishes limits on zoning restrictions for certain electric battery storage equipment installation.

*Identical Bill Number: S625*

## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### A1054

Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Program"; amends law concerning NJ Infrastructure Bank; and authorizes certain energy contracts under "Public School Contracts Law" and "Local Public Contracts Law" up to 25 years.

*Identical Bill Number: S1657*

### A1032

Directs BPU to conduct study to determine whether microgrid and distributed energy resource deployment will reduce length of power outages.

*Identical Bill Number: S1237*

### A1170

Requires submission of energy usage plan to BPU for proposed artificial intelligence data centers; requires all electricity for artificial intelligence data centers to be derived from new clean energy sources.

*Identical Bill Number: S680*

## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A2665**

Provides gross income tax deduction for costs of purchasing and installing battery backups for certain home solar electrical generators.

**A2760**

Exempts small-scale renewable energy projects from State land-use permit requirements, under certain conditions.

***Identical Bill Number: S737***

**A2861**

"Energy Security and Affordability Act"; requires BPU to consider energy security, diversity, and affordability when preparing Energy Master Plan and perform economic and ratepayer impact analysis of energy generation projects and Energy Master Plan.

***Identical Bill Number: S1900***

**A3964**

Removes project capacity limit for community solar energy projects.

## NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

S642

"New Jersey Clean Energy Act of 2024"; establishes 100 percent clean electricity standard and directs BPU to establish clean electricity certificate program.

**This bill in its current form contains big problems for solar and for renewables in general, as well as problems for the environment.**



# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## A2505

Creates "New Jersey Grid Modernization Task Force" in Governor's office.

## A2524

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## A2665

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## A2713

"Energy Subsidies Transparency Act"; authorizes BPU and Rate Counsel to require certain energy companies to disclose information concerning energy subsidies.

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# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A257**

Directs BPU to conduct study to determine whether deployment of microgrids and generators will reduce length of power outages.

**A803**

Authorizes construction, installation, and operation of certain energy project components on preserved farmland.

**A1051**

Requires BPU to develop program to promote certain energy businesses in State.

**A1862**

Establishes "Zero Energy Construction Act"; requires all new residential and commercial developments to be zero energy ready; requires developers to offer zero energy construction.

*Identical Bill Number: S3576*

**A1866**

Provides CBT tax credit for retrofit of existing warehouses with solar-ready zone once solar panels are installed.

*Identical Bill Number: S615*

**A2403**

Establishes pilot program for solar energy generation on roadside rights-of-way.

**A2404**

Establishes targets for roadside solar projects in State's solar energy incentive program.

**A2419**

Requires assisted living residences and certain facilities under DCA, DCF, and DHS to be equipped with standby emergency power generators.

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## A3253

Directs BPU to establish incentive program for geothermal energy systems and grant program to support government energy aggregation program; increases annual target for new community solar projects.

## A3263

Directs EDA to establish New Jersey Energy Independence Bank.  
*Identical Bill Number: S3400*

## A3610

Establishes Department of Energy.

## A3921

Revises State renewable energy portfolio standards.

## A3941

Permits municipalities to require that new construction be solar ready.  
*Identical Bill Number: S2291*