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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

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

A2665

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

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