

2024 Legislative Priorities

NC SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION

STORM RESILIENCE

HB 503: Storm Resiliency Study | Study the costs and benefits of modernizing North Carolina's current electricity market to allow increased resilience, competition, and ratepayer savings.

MARKET ACCESS

HB 535: Solar Capacity Limit Increase | Eliminate or increase the 1% cap on rooftop solar leasing to encourage solar leasing companies to enter North Carolina's market and increase choices for customers.

Prohibit Duplicative Energy Fees | Prohibit standby charges for net energy metering customers that already pay demand charges by adopting [Section 7. \(f\) of Edition 2 of House Bill 951](#) (2021).

SB 710: Community Solar Program Changes. | Repeal and replace the existing, unsuccessful House Bill 589 (2017) community solar program with a better program modeled after successful community solar programs.

PROPERTY RIGHTS/LAND USE

Rooftop Solar & HOAs | Clarify policy around homeowner association covenants to protect property rights and allow homeowners to install rooftop solar energy on their homes.

Land Use | Maintain uniform rules for permitting and management of utility-scale renewable energy projects to reduce inefficient variances among local ordinances and streamline the development of essential energy infrastructure.

GENERATE RATEPAYER SAVINGS

Make Coal Securitization Mandatory | House Bill 951 (2021) is inconsistent about whether securitization of retiring coal assets, which saves money for ratepayers, is mandatory.

Expand Definition of Energy Efficiency | Clarify the current definition of energy efficiency to include behind-the-meter generation by adopting [Section 7.\(e\) of Edition 2 of House Bill 951](#) (2021).

HB 570: Efficient Government Buildings & Savings Act | Reduce energy and water consumption in state buildings to save taxpayer dollars.

SB 42: C-PACE Program | Authorize the financing and repayment of certain commercial building improvements via a property owner's taxes that will promote economic development, reduce utility bills, and protect buildings against storm and flood damage.