



## 2023 Legislative Priorities

### Energy:

**Community Solar** - promote access to affordable renewable energy through a solar facility subscription service. Customers can purchase an interest in a solar facility and use credits against their electric utility costs.

- [SB627](#) - Establishing solar program for subscribers to gain credits against their utility bills
- [HB2159](#) - Establishing a community solar program for subscribers to gain credits against their utility bills

**Adequate funding for inspectors for the WV DEP Office of Oil and Gas** - support an annual tiered fee to create consistent annual funding to hire more inspectors and properly manage wells.

- [HB3110](#) - Relating to funding the Office of Oil and Gas in the Department of Environmental Protection
- [SB448](#) - Providing funding for DEP Office of Oil and Gas
- [SB13](#) - Establishing annual oversight fee for wells producing more than 10,000 cubic feet of gas per day
- [HB2021](#) - Relating to funding for the DEP Office of Oil and Gas

**Advanced Nuclear** - monitor 2022's bill to repeal the state's ban on nuclear power while opposing expansion of this energy source if no safe long-term storage is available.

- [HB2896](#) - Relating to making West Virginia an Agreement State with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**Hydrogen Hub/CCS** - monitor legislative developments and only support using green hydrogen – hydrogen made through electrolysis powered by renewable energy.

- [HB2814](#) - To create a hydrogen power task force
- [SB595](#) - Relating to real property, tax, and registration requirements associated with carbon offset agreements

### Clean Water:

**PFAS Protection Act** - provide adequate public health protections from toxins threatening our drinking water supplies, specifically a group of chemicals known as "PFAS" or forever chemicals.

- [HB3189](#) - The PFAS Protection Act
- [HB2860](#) - To dispose of old AFFF foam accumulated by fire departments

### Additional Priorities:

**Public Lands** – defeat proposals to open up public lands to Off-Road Vehicles and other legislation that would degrade West Virginia's state parks and forests.

- [SB468](#) - Continuing Cabwaylingo State Forest Trail System