



Building Performance Improvement Board

4/17/2024

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Agenda

- **Admin Items**
- **Maryland General Assembly Recap**
- **Energy Summit Recap**
- **County BEPS Regulation Update**



Administrative Items

Actions

- Approve 2/21 meeting notes



State Policy Update for Building Performance Improvement Board

April 17, 2024



2024 General Assembly Session Highlights

Successful Building Energy Legislation

- [House Bill 864](#) *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans*
 - Reforms the EmPOWER Maryland statewide energy savings program to prioritize GHG reductions and offer incentives to help building owners switch from gas furnaces to efficient electric heating equipment.
 - Adjusts the way the program is paid for to lower long-term costs to ratepayers.
- [House Bill 397/Senate Bill 570](#) *Public Utilities - Thermal Energy Network Systems - Authorization and Establishment (Working for Accessible Renewable Maryland Thermal Heat (WARMTH) Act)*
 - Requires natural gas utilities to develop pilot projects to help decarbonize neighborhoods by providing building heating services without the ongoing combustion of fossil fuels.

2024 General Assembly Session Highlights

Other Successful Legislation

- Enhanced solar incentives for rooftops, parking lots, brownfields
- Streamlining EV and solar for common ownership communities.
- Enabling bidirectional charging from EVs and improving EV charger reliability
- Strengthened regulations for retail energy suppliers

2024 General Assembly Session Highlights

Other Building Energy Highlights

- Legislation requiring new buildings to meet heat and hot water needs without the combustion of fossil fuels did not pass.
- State budget amendment to delay action on one component of the State's Building Energy Performance Standards

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Energy Summit Recap



County BEPS Regulation Updates

Next Steps

- On February 27, the Council approved a resolution to extend the deadline for consideration of Executive Regulation 17-23, Building Energy Performance Standards to September 30, 2024.
- T&E Committee to hold BEPS listening sessions / hearings for different sectors:
 - **TBA:** Additional listening sessions with common ownership communities, market-rate housing, utilities, others?

Questions?

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