

DC's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Expansion Bill: What Does It Mean?

Comparison to the Climate & Community Reinvestment Act of DC (Carbon Price)

THE GOOD

The DC Council recently introduced a bill that would increase the District's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for clean electricity to 100% by 2050. RPSs can be effective ways to encourage clean energy development and set a city's vision. However, what seems like *just* a good move may not be what it seems below the surface.

100%

Goal for renewable energy in electricity sector

2050

Year when RPS aims to achieve 100% renewable energy for the electricity sector

The Put a Price On It Coalition believes that the Renewable Portfolio Standard could work alongside swifter climate action, including the Climate & Community Reinvestment Act (Carbon Price).



THE WAY FORWARD

The DC Council has delayed introducing the Climate & Community Reinvestment Act in the just and equitable form developed by the Put a Price On It Coalition to spur emission reductions. By putting forth the RPS without any community input and without any implementation plans for the next fourteen years, the Council risks distracting constituents from holding the current Council accountable for climate action now.

Tell the Council: Pass the Climate & Community Reinvestment Act alongside RPS Expansion!

THE BAD

DC already has an RPS of 50% by 2032. The expansion would not kick in until after 2032 – a delay that ignores the urgency of the climate crisis. It is also missing vital components of an effective climate policy that would make it effective and equitable.

Bill Features	Carbon Price	RPS
Reduces carbon emissions from the electricity sector	✓	✓
Reduces emissions from natural gas use & transportation sector	✓	✗
Holds current DC Council accountable for climate action	✓	✗
Uses a fair and equitable approach to reducing emissions	✓	✗
Contributes to DC's 2032 Climate & Energy Goals	✓	✗
Supported by 70+ organizations in diverse, local coalition	✓	✗



Estimated Emissions Reductions by 2032

23%

Climate & Community Reinvestment Act (Carbon Price)

Versus

0%

Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Expansion



The Put a Price On It DC Coalition is comprised of over 70 business, environmental, faith, housing, labor, community, and youth organizations working to advance a strong, equitable, and comprehensive carbon pricing approach to reducing emissions in the near term.