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THE CLEAN ENERGY DC ACT OF 2018

The Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, or “Clean Energy DC Act,” is the result of more than two years of advocacy and three months of working group meetings with environmental advocates, the energy and utility sectors, and the business community.

THE BILL ENABLES:



Transition the District to 100% renewable energy by 2032, an acceleration from the District’s Sustainability Plan.



Increased funding for local sustainability initiatives that create local jobs, including \$70 million to the District’s Green Bank by 2025.



Development of new performance-based energy codes for buildings above 10,000 ft² based on local energy benchmarking data.



Coordination on regional transportation emission reduction initiatives & newly revised vehicle excise tax.

CLEAN ENERGY SUPPORTS LOCAL JOBS

Already, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects have grown DC’s economy while reducing carbon emissions. Transitioning DC to 100% renewables is not only good for the environment, it’s good for economic development.



14,000

jobs created to date in energy, solar, and wind in DC.



52.6 MW

installed solar in DC, enough to power over 6,000 homes. DC has **100 times** the potential of this current installed capacity.



20%

projected growth for solar jobs in DC. This is on par with national solar growth, which was 110% between 2012-2017.

More clean energy users means more hiring opportunities for contractors and installers.

These are significant opportunities to create jobs for DC residents.



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PUBLIC FUNDING ATTRACTS PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY

Programs like those run by the Sustainable Energy Utility are saving businesses, affordable housing providers, and residents money on their energy costs. Expanding funding through the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund grows programs like these and enables the District's Green Bank.



\$70 million
by 2025

Green Banks provide funding, in partnership with private lenders, for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other clean energy and green infrastructure projects.



5:1

Ratio of investment for every \$1 of public funding*

- ✓ Allows consumers and businesses to install clean energy technologies with little to no upfront costs
- ✓ Provides loans, rather than grants, allowing dollars to be recycled multiple times for projects

*analysis shows that for every \$1 of public funding spent, \$5 in investment will be attracted.

Combined, the markets for solar energy and building efficiency upgrades in DC represent **nearly \$3.5 billion in investment potential.**

CASE STUDIES



The Millennium Building (1909 K St.) features a 30 kW solar system- the largest installation by a privately held real estate developer in a Class A Commercial Office building in DC. The 1828 L St. Property partnered with DCSEU to upgrade lighting, **saving an estimated \$20,000 annually**, reducing operating costs of energy and maintenance.



In partnership with Enterprise and the Sustainable Energy Utility, the National Housing Trust installed solar panels on 11 multifamily affordable buildings in Washington, DC. The systems will reduce operating expenses by over \$27,500 per year on and offset over 100,000 kWh from the electric utility supply grid. The money saved from **energy efficiency helps preserve affordable rents and maintain resident services**, like tutoring programs and financial education.



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