

State Coal Transition Legislation (2019-2021)

Below are brief summaries of *enacted* legislation. The next page has a table with links to the legislation and also includes bills that have been introduced but not enacted.

Colorado HB 19-1314 (2019) *Just Transition from Coal-based Electrical Energy Economy* - Just transition support for coal-related jobs - office created - advisory committee - just transition plan - workforce transition plan - report - sunset review - appropriation.

Colorado SB 19-236 (2019) *Sunset Public Utilities Commission*. Authorizes PUC continuation. PUC must consider, when evaluating electric resources, what is best for “Colorado labor.” Utilities must provide to PUC “best value” employment metrics including training programs, wages, health care, and benefits as well as positive impacts on the long-term economic viability of Colorado communities.

Minnesota HF 1842 (2020) – *Solar Energy Production Incentive Program* establishes a program for community energy transition grants for host communities of coal, nuclear or gas plants that have or will retire (from special revenue fund in the state treasury)

Montana HB 19-467 (2019) *Authorizes securitization for energy infrastructure*. It is in the interest of Montanans to encourage and facilitate use of securitized ratepayer-backed bonds as a method for enabling electric utilities to lower the cost of financing the retirement or replacement of electric infrastructure and to empower the PSC to review securitization mechanisms.

New Mexico SB 19-489 (2019) *Energy Transition Act* – creates the energy transition Indian Affairs fund; the energy Transition Economic Development Assistance Fund; and the Energy Transition Displaced Worker Assistance Fund.

New York S 6599-2019 Enacts the *New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act*; relates to climate change; renewable energy program; labor and job standards and worker protection.

Virginia SB 1247 and HB 1842 (2021) *Electric utilities; closure of carbon-emitting generating units*; requires owners of large carbon-emitting power plants to provide public notice about the decision to close the plant within 30 days of the decision and requires host localities and planning district commissions to conduct public hearings within six months of the notice.

| State | Year | Bill Number | Enacted as of April 2021 | Creates a State Office | Creates Working Group/ Advisory Committee | Funding for Just Transition (JT) Planning, Reporting | Requires a State JT Plan | State Workforce Retraining Funding | Requires a Utility JT Plan | Requires Utilities Announce Closures at Least 6 Months Before | Securitization |
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| CO | 19 | HB 19-1314 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| CO | 19 | SB 19-236 | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| MN | 20 | HF 1842 | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| MT | 19 | HB 467 | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| NM | 19 | SB 489 | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| NY | 19 | S 6599 | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |
| VA | 21 | SB 1247 HB 1834 | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Requires public notice 30 days after decision to close a plant | No |
| IL | 20 | HB 3624 | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| IN | 21 | SB 0386 | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| KS | 21 | SB 117 | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| MD | 20 | SB 887 | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| MO | 21 | HB 734 SB 202 | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| MT | 21 | SB86 | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes* | No | No |
| SC | 21 | SB 132 | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| WV | 20 | HB 4574 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| WY | 21 | HB 205 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No |

*Utility remediation and retirement plans must include “a description of the owner’s plans to address the employee rights, benefits, and pensions of union, salaried, and other employees affected by the retirement of the coal-fired generating unit.”

For information about securitization legislation, [here](#) is a good summary of bills in Montana, Colorado, and New Mexico.