

State Coal Transition Legislation (2019-2022)

Below are brief summaries of *enacted* legislation. The following table contains links to the legislation and includes bills that have been introduced but not enacted.

Colorado HB 19-1314 (2019) *Just Transition from Coal-based Electrical Energy Economy* – Creates the Just Transition Office and tasks a Just Transition Advisory Committee with developing a draft Just Transition Plan to submit to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

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.

Colorado HB 21-1290 (2021) *Additional Funding for Just Transition* – Bipartisan bill that finances the Office of Just Transition by allocating \$8 million from the general fund to pay for economic development and another \$7 million to aid coal workers.

Colorado HB 22-1394 (2022) *Fund Just Transition Community and Worker Supports* – Allocates addition funds from state treasury to the just transition cash fund. Requires funds to be spent by state fiscal year 2025-26.

Colorado HB 22-1193 (2022) *Fund Just Transition Coal Workforce Programs* – Makes adjustments to Coal Transition Workforce Assistance Program (“Account”) by transferring \$2 million from the Account to the Just Transition Fund. Appropriates \$150 thousand from the fund to the Colorado Department of Higher Education to expand CORE-CM Initiative in Greater Green River and Wind River Basins.

Indiana SB 0386 (2021) *Cost Securitization for Electric Utility Assets* – Allows for securitization of qualified costs associated with an electric generation facility that will be retired from service within 24 months.

Indiana HB 1414 (2020) *Electric Generation* – Defines “coal transition worker” and requires the Commission for Higher Education, in conjunction with the Department of Workforce Development, to give priority access to transition worker applicants applying for high value workforce ready credit-bearing grants. Requires three years advance notice and public hearing before generation resource closures.

Louisiana SB 110 (2022) *Creates the Louisiana Electric Utility Energy Transition Securitization Act* – Enables Louisiana electric utilities, if authorized by a financing order issued by the commission, to use securitization financing for certain energy transition costs.

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 Mexico SB 21-112 (2021) *Sustainable Economy Task Force* – Creates the Sustainability Task Force to help New Mexico, among other things, develop an annual strategic plan that provides policy recommendations to add new jobs statewide to replace jobs that rely on the extraction or development of natural resources.

New York S 6599 (2019) Enacts the *New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act* – Requires the State to adopt measures to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. Creates the Climate Action Council and the Just Transition Working Group, which advises the Council on issues and opportunities for workforce development and training related to energy efficiency measures.

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.

Virginia HB 1925 (2021) *Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund and Program* – Establishes the Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund, which awards grants to renewable energy projects located on brownfields or previously coal mined lands.

Washington SB 5116 (2019) *Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future* – Requires, all electric utilities to eliminate coal-fired resources from their allocation of electricity by December 31, 2025. Requires each electric utility to make all retail sales of electricity greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030. Requires each electric utility to meet 100 percent of its retail electric load using non-emitting and renewable resources by January 1, 2045.

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State	Year	Bill Number	Enacted as of July 2022	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
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
CO	21	HB 21-1290	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
CO	22	HB 1193	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
CO	22	HB 1394	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
IL	20	HB 3624	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
IL	21	HB 0804 SB 1718	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
IL	21	HB 3967	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
IL	21	SB 0529	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
IL	21	SB 18	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
IN	20	HB 1414	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
IN	21	SB 0386	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
IN	22	IN 255	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
KS	21	SB 117	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
LA	22	SB 110	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
MA	21	S 1197 H 1954	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
MD	21	SB 148 HB 66	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
MN	20	HF 1842	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
MN	22	SF 2156	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No ¹	No
MN	22	SF 1566 HF 1750	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

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MO	21	HB 734 SB 202	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
MO	22	HB 1538	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
MT	19	HB 467	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
MT	21	SB86	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes ²	No	No
MT	22	HB 646	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
NM	19	SB 489	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
NM	21	SB 112	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
NY	19	S 6599	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
PA	22	HB 989	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
RI	22	S 2585 , HB 7755	No	No	Yes	No ³	Yes	No	No	No	No
RI	22	S 2584	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
SC	21	SB 132	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
TX	21	HB 3878 , SB 955	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
TX	21	HB 3894	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
VA	21	SB 1247 HB 1834	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No ⁴	No
VA	21	HB 1925	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

¹ Bill details required steps of decommissioning of coal and a need to notify, but does not specify a required timeline for notification.

² 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.

³ Bill does not provide funding, but asks Just Transition and Workforce Retraining groups to seek out funding.

⁴ Requires public notice 30 days after decision to close a plant

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VA	22	HB 469	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
VA	22	HB 1355	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
WA	19	SB 5116	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
WV	21	HB 3198	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
WV	22	HB 4811 HB 3198	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No ⁵	No	No	No
WY	21	HB 205	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

⁵ Bill does not provide funding, but stipulates funding *should* be provided and researched.