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Enacted	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets 50% by 2030 Net-zero by 2050 Relative to 2005 levels Establishing Policies • HB 99 (2023)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023
Enacted	Climate Action Plans Delaware's Climate Action Plan and the 2023 Implementation Report on Delaware's Climate Action Plan Establishing Policies • Delaware's Climate Action Plan (2021) • HB 99 (2023) • 2023 Implementation Report on Delaware's Climate Action Plan (2023)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2021
Enacted	State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory The 1990-2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory was published in March 2024. Establishing Policies • HB 99 (2023) • 1990-2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2024)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2024







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Enacted	Climate Bureaucracy The Director of the Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy at DNREC is designated the "Chief Climate Change Officer" and each Secretary of Cabinet departments must designate a "Climate Change Officer" to coordinate updating climate plans. Establishing Policies • HB 99 (2023)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023
Not Enacted	Climate Advisory Bodies Climate advisory bodies often write or advise on a state's climate plan, and make non-binding recommendations on climate policy design and implementation. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Not Enacted	Environmental Rights Amendments An Environmental Rights Amendment is an amendment to a state constitution guaranteeing the citizens of that state a right to a clean and healthy environment. The right to a clean and healthy environment can help to address climate change and provide a key tool to regulate greenhouse gases and achieve environmental justice goals.	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	





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Not Enacted	Environmental Justice Community Definitions Environmental justice (EJ) community definitions identify the specific, quantifiable thresholds that designate a geographical area as an EJ community. These definitions account for multiple factors, including both environmental and socioeconomic stressors, that may contribute to persistent environmental health disparities.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Enacted	Environmental Justice Mapping Tools EJ Area Viewer Energy Disadvantaged Communities Viewer Establishing Policies • EJ Area Viewer (2022) • Energy Disadvantaged Communities Viewer	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2022
Not Enacted	Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements Environmental justice (EJ) community investment requirements help ensure communities most impacted by environmental burdens are benefitting equitably from public programs by requiring a certain percentage of funds and/or benefits from other policies are allocated to EJ communities.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	





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Enacted	Environmental Justice Bureaucracy DNREC – Environmental Justice Office Establishing Policies • DNREC – Environmental Justice Office and EJ Coordinator	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Enacted	Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies Justice Forty Oversight Committee Community Involvement Advisory Council GEAC Environmental Justice and Energy Equity Workgroup Establishing Policies Resolution 40 (2021) Community Involvement Advisory Council GEAC Environmental Justice and Energy Equity Workgroup	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021
Not Enacted	Cumulative Impact Assessment Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	





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Not Enacted	Just Transition Plans Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	Just Transition Offices and Staff Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	Just Transition Advisory Bodies Just transition advisory bodies write or advise on a state's just transition plan or report, and make recommendations on ways to support affected workers, communities, and industries. The bodies can consist of all non- government members, or be a mix of government and non- government members.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	





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Not Enacted	Just Transition Funds Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Enacted	Green Banks Energize Delaware Establishing Policies • SB 18 (2007) • Energize Delaware	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	2007
Not Enacted	Divestment State divestment means ending new investment in the fossil fuel industry and phasing out existing fossil fuel investments in public funds, such as state pensions, over time. States can also set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for their investment portfolios.	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	

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Enacted	Carbon Pollution Pricing The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) covers the electricity sector. Establishing Policies • Title 7, Chapter 60, of the Delaware Code, subchapter IIA, §6043 (2014) • 7 Del. Admin. Code § 1147: CO2 Budget Trading Program Regulations (2018) • The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	2005
Not Enacted	Social Cost of Carbon The social cost of carbon is a monetary estimate of the damage of each ton of greenhouse gases emitted. The social cost of carbon is used to quantify and monetize climate damages, representing the net economic cost of climate pollution to society.	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	
Enacted	Clean Energy and Renewable Portfolio Standards 25% renewable energy by 2025 40% by 2035 Establishing Policies • SB 33 (2021)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2021





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	Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets			
Not Enacted	Electricity greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit GHG emissions in the electricity sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by different amounts over time, often expressed as percentage relative to a baseline year.	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	
	Clean Energy Plans	Electricity Energy Plans and Targets		
	2024-2028 Delaware State Energy Plan			
Enacted	Establishing Policies			
	 2024-2028 Delaware State Energy Plan (2024) 			
	Consolidated State Siting and			
	Permitting Authority			
Not Enacted	States can establish some form of statewide, consolidated siting and permitting entity — typically a council or board — for renewables and/or transmission to streamline project review and prevent uncertainty in the face of local governments' restrictions or prohibitions of renewable generation or transmission.	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	







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Enacted	Interconnection Standards Delaware received a D grade from Freeing the Grid. Establishing Policies • Freeing the Grid Delaware Grade (2023)	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	2023
Enacted	Enabling ATTs and GETs The Delaware State Energy Office, in coordination with other state agencies, the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, and electric utilities, must complete a study and analysis of gridenhancing technologies (GETs) and advanced transmission technologies (ATTs), including the projected benefits and or costs to ratepayers, technical feasibility, barriers to adoption, and reasonable ways to implement GETs. An initial report is due by December 31, 2025, and a final report is due July 31, 2026. Establishing Policies	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	2025
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Partially Enacted	The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into "components", which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled. Establishing Policies • SPOT - Net Metering in Delaware • SPOT - Aggregate Net Metering in Delaware Policy Components • TOMALE OF TRACE	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	

Shared Renewables

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Establishing Policies

• SPOT - Shared Renewables in Delaware

Policy Components



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Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources







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Not Enacted	Community Choice Aggregation Community choice aggregation allows local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider.	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	
Partially Enacted	Distributed Generation Carveout The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into "components", which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled. Establishing Policies • SPOT – Generation Carveouts in Delaware Policy Components	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	



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In- Progress	Energy Storage Targets The Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, in coordination with state agencies, electric utilities, and other stakeholders, must undertake a study to assess and analyze the costs and benefits of the adoption of Energy Storage Systems. The study must evaluate and report on the feasibility of constructing additional energy storage projects in Delaware and the projected amount of megawatts of energy storage that might be constructed by December 31, 2030. An initial report is due by December 31, 2025, and a final report is due by June 1, 2026. Establishing Policies • SJR 3 (2025)	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	
Not Enacted	Coal Phaseouts Coal phaseouts establish a target year by which states must end coal-fired power generation.	Electricity	Coal Retirement	
Not Enacted	Coal Plant Securitization Coal securitization is a financing tool that allows utility companies to refinance debt they issued to build coal plants and close the facilities early without taking a financial hit or passing costs on to ratepayers.	Electricity	Coal Retirement	







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Enacted	Residential Energy Codes The statewide energy code for residential construction is 2018 IECC. Establishing Policies • Delaware State Energy Code (2020)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2020
Enacted	Commercial Energy Codes The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is 2018 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2016. Establishing Policies • Delaware State Energy Code (2020) • HB 11 (2023)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2020
Not Enacted	Stretch Building Energy Codes Stretch building energy codes are an optional, more stringent building code established by the state that local jurisdictions can adopt to require that newly constructed buildings are more efficient than the baseline state codes.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	
Not Enacted	Appliance Standards Appliance standards set minimum energy and water conservation requirements for appliances and equipment.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	



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In- Progress	Building Performance Standards Delaware will receive \$10M to develop and adopt a building performance standard through the federal Inflation Reduction Act's Support for Building Energy Codes and Innovative Codes. Establishing Policies • Inflation Reduction Act Support for Building Energy Codes and Innovative Codes - Round 2 (2024)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Not Enacted	Clean Heat Standards Clean heat standards establish a performance standard requiring heat providers to deliver a gradually-increasing percentage of low-emission heating services to customers.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Enacted	Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS) Electric and gas utilities are subject to voluntary energy savings targets, which are determined by the Delaware Energy Efficiency Advisory Council. Establishing Policies • SB 150 (2014)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2014







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	Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)			
Enacted	Delaware has enacted commercial PACE-enabling legislation and has one active program.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2018
	Establishing Policies			
	• SB 113 (2018)			
Partially Enacted	Weatherization Funding The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into "components", which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled. Establishing Policies SPOT - Weatherization Funding in Delaware Policy Components 1/4	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	
Not Enacted	All-electric Buildings All-electric buildings policies require new buildings to be constructed with all-electric heating, cooling, and cooking systems to transition away from fossil-fuel use in buildings.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Electrification	







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	Thermal Energy Networks			
Not Enacted	Thermal energy networks are neighborhood-scale energy projects that allow multiple buildings to be connected through a shared network of underground pipes to distribute heating and cooling, often using renewable energy sources like geothermal or waste heat. State policymakers can create an enabling regulatory structure, and may also commission pilots, allow cost recovery, or create mandates to help transition from natural gas.	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Electrification	
Enacted	Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) Standards Delaware LEV Program Establishing Policies • Delaware Administrative Code Title 7, 1000, 1140 (2023) • Delaware LEV Program	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2023
Enacted	Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates Model Year (MY) 2027: 43% of new passenger vehicle sales are ZEVs MY 2030: 68% of new sales are ZEVs MY 2032: 82% of new sales are ZEVs. Establishing Policies • Delaware Administrative Code Title 7, 1000, 1140 (2023) • Advanced Clean Cars II	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2023





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Enacted	Electric Vehicle Rebates The Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program offers rebates for new and used EVs: up to \$2,500 for battery EVs and \$1,000 for plug-in hybrid EVs. Establishing Policies • HB 12 (2023) • Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2023
Not Enacted	Low NOx Omnibus Rules Low NOx Omnibus Rules establish stringent tailpipe emission standards for heavy duty vehicles, updated testing procedures, and technology-neutral compliance mechanisms to reduce nitrous oxide (NOx) pollution. The regulation must be adopted first by California, and other states may adopt the regulation under the federal Clean Air Act.	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
Not Enacted	Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) zero-emission vehicle mandates, also known as "Advanced Clean Trucks", require automakers to produce and sell a certain number of zero-emission MHD vehicles to fulfill a quota based on a percentage of total sales in states.	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	







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Not Enacted	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) electric vehicle rebates consist of programs and policies that offer rebates to make MHD electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
Enacted	Public Fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) Procurement Targets 15% of passenger and light-duty vehicles owned and operated by the state must be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2026 15% are ZEVs by 2029 50% are ZEVs by 2035 100% are ZEVs by 2040 Establishing Policies • HB 9 (2024)	Transportation	Lead by Example	2024
Enacted	Electric Bus Procurement Targets 5% of annual school bus purchases are electric in 2025 10% in 2026 15% in 2027 20% in 2028 25% in 2029 30% in 2030 Establishing Policies • HB 10 (2023)	Transportation	Lead by Example	2023





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Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Requirements Requires new single-family residential dwellings to install at least one EV capable parking space, and new multi-family dwellings to install at least 5% of total parking spaces as EV charging spaces and an additional 10% as EV-capable spaces. Establishing Policies • SS1 for SB 103 (2023)	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	2023
Enacted	Infrastructure Rebates The Clean Transportation Incentive Program offers rebates of up to \$2,500 per port for the purchase and installation of Level 2 EV charging stations for public, workplace, fleet, and multi-family residential locations. Establishing Policies • Clean Transportation Incentive Program	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	
Not Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Charging Infrastructure Plans Electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure plans are documents that provide a framework to guide the development, coordination, and adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	

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Not Enacted	Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets Transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit emissions in the transportation sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by specific amounts over time, often expressed as a percentage reduction from a baseline year.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Not Enacted	Low Carbon Fuel Standards A low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) is a market-based mechanism to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and account for the fuel's life cycle greenhouse gas emissions.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Partially Enacted	Bicycle Friendly States Delaware is ranked 7th out of 50 in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly State rankings by the League of American Bicyclists. Establishing Policies • Delaware Bicycle Friendly State Scorecard Policy Components 1/2	Transportation	Public and Active Transportation	

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Not Enacted	Buy Clean Requirements Buy clean requirements mandate or incentivize the use of low-carbon construction materials, such as concrete and steel, in public projects to address embodied carbon.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Industrial Decarbonization	
Enacted	Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Regulations The state prohibits certain HFCs in specific stationary refrigeration and air-conditioning end-uses. Establishing Policies • 7 DE Admin. Code 1151 (2021)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	2021
Not Enacted	Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Regulations Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, bans, or other measures that reduce SF6 usage and emissions.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	Oil and Gas Methane Regulations Oil and gas methane regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, leak detection and repair, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	





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Not Enacted	Fracking Bans Fracking bans prohibit the practice of hydraulic fracking for the production of oil and/or natural gas by a certain year. Legislation often requires an environmental agency or department to promulgate regulations.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	Landfill Methane Regulations Landfill methane regulations include rulemakings, emissions monitoring, emissions control, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from decaying organic waste in landfills.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	
Not Enacted	Food Waste Bans and Targets Food waste bans and targets include policies that prohibit certain entities that generate specified amounts of food waste (typically commercial businesses and larger institutions) from sending this waste to landfills. Targets aim to reduce total food waste by a certain percentage each target year.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	
Not Enacted	Healthy Soils Financial Incentives Agriculture financial incentives support healthy soils and regenerative agriculture. Incentives may include reduced crop insurance premiums, property tax exemptions, grants, or cost-share programs.	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	







POLICY YEAR STATUS **POLICY** POLICY AREA **CATEGORY ENACTED Healthy Soils Technical Assistance Programs** Agriculture technical assistance Natural and programs provide state-driven Not technical assistance, **Agriculture** Enacted Working Lands apprenticeship and mentorship programs, and support securing additional funding for farmers to increase uptake of soil health practices.

