

Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, passed Sept. 15, 2021

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The Illinois bill Includes,

- New renewable portfolio standard that raises renewables' share to 40% by 2030 and 50% by 2040 with the goal of net-zero electricity by 2045, and net-zero state economy by 2050
- State subsidies for renewable energy will roughly double to \$580 million per year
- Illinois *Solar for All* program funding will increase from \$10M to \$50M per year. *Solar for All* helps low-income, public buildings and qualified nonprofits with on-site solar projects
- Subsidies to keep its nuclear plants open, \$700M over 5 years
- Retires most coal plants by 2030 with two municipally owned exceptions which would retire in 2045
- All natural-gas fired power plants must reach zero emissions by 2045 (retire or switch to green hydrogen)
- Fossil fuel plants will be shut down based on their proximity to low-income and marginalized communities
- Sets up reporting to document progress toward goals
- Develops a renewables access plan for increased transmission efficiency for renewables
- Includes EV goals and subsidies; 1M cars on the road by 2030 and \$4K rebate per vehicle. This is in addition to the Federal rebate and would mean a combined rebate of \$16,500 per vehicle
- A state rebate up to 80% of EV charging infrastructure costs assuming prevailing wages are paid
- A comprehensive labor and equity standards baked into utility-scale and non-residential clean-energy projects
- \$80M/year for job training assistance
- \$40M/year for transition assistance for fossil fuel dependent areas
- Two green-bank programs providing low-interest financing, one being for low-income and marginalized communities
- Consumer protection and utility ethics and rate reforms

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