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2020 Policy Agenda



Enable Beneficial State Legislation

1. Pass into law 2019's HB330 to extend energy and water saving goals in state-owned buildings and modernize approved performance contracting measures.
2. Define reasonable amendments to 2007's SB3 "REEEPS" that allows commercial and industrial energy users to opt-out of efficiency programs.
3. Pass into law 2017's SB493 to enable innovative Commercial Property Assessed Capital Expenditures (C-PACE) Financing programs statewide.
4. Develop new legislation that improves how high performance homes and buildings are appraised to benefit builders and owners.



Improve Energy Saving Utility Programs

1. Establish a standalone Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) or statewide target that improves energy efficiency's role in the state's clean energy goals and minimum requirements for regulated utilities.
2. Enable the inclusion of non-energy benefits in regulated utility program cost effectiveness testing through official recognition in NC's energy codes.
3. Transition Duke Energy to the Utility Cost Test for energy efficiency programs.



Improve Energy Codes and Standards

1. Add an Energy seat to the North Carolina Building Code Council.
2. Modify the energy code exemption for Factory, Storage and Utility buildings enacted in 2016's SB131.
3. Develop language to enable a 90-day review of legislation impacting codes.
4. Repeal energy code exemptions for commercial renovations in 2013's HB201.
5. Repeal energy code exemption for residential garages in 2018's HB573.
6. Increase minimum energy efficiency requirements of NCHFA's low income multifamily program to ENERGY STAR 3.0 and offer developer incentives.