

## **OH Community Energy Pilot Program - this was removed from HB15**

- o Requires the PUCO to establish a CEPP, consisting of 1,500 MW implemented throughout Ohio and that PUCO certify 250 MW of CEFs annually until 1000 MWs are certified.
- o Requires 500 MWs to be certified on distressed sites or commercial/public rooftops.
- o Defines a “community energy facility” (CEF) as a facility that generates energy by solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, hydroelectric power, or uses a microturbine, natural gas-fired generator, energy storage system, or a fuel cell and meets the following specifications:
  - Has at least three subscribers;
  - Is located on one parcel of land with only one facility on the same or contiguous parcel;
  - No subscriber owns more than 40% of output;
  - No less than 60% of capacity is subscribed by subscriptions of forty kilowatts or less;
  - Has a capacity of 10 megawatts (MW) or less, or 20 MW or less if it is on a distressed site or commercial/public rooftops; and
  - Is not owned by an EDU.
- o Prohibits residential and commercial customers who do not participate in the CEPP from being charged, directly or indirectly, for any costs related to the program.
- o Requires a subscriber to a CSF to be eligible for a bill credit from the subscriber’s EDU, the amount for which must be established for each subscriber by PUCO pursuant to calculations established by the bill.
- o Defines “bill credit” as the PUCO-approved or revised monetary value for each kilowatt hour of electricity generated by a community solar facility and allocated to a subscriber’s monthly electric bill to offset any part of the subscriber’s bill.
- o Specifies that any bill credit exceeding a subscriber’s monthly bill amount must carry forward until fully allocated to the subscriber’s bill or until the subscription has ended and prohibits subscribing to more than 100% of average annual electricity usage.
- o Prohibits large industrial or mercantile customers from participating in the CEPP or being charged for any related costs.
- o Prohibits an EDU from discriminating against CEFs or their subscribers, including by adding extraordinary fees and charges not applied to similar facilities.
- o Provides that a community energy organization that constructs a CEF on a distressed site that is a brownfield is eligible for a grant under the Brownfield Remediation Program.
- o Requires PUCO to convene a stakeholder working group to assist with promulgating rules and to implement the CEPP not later than six months after the bill’s effective date.