



LAKE COUNTY  
Investing in People  
and Our Communities

# Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) Overview

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Energy & Environment Committee  
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# Overview

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- Goals of CEJA
- Creates or Amends 4 State Acts:
  - Amends Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs Act
  - Amends Clean Energy Entrepreneurship Act
  - Creates Community Energy and Climate Planning Act
  - Creates Clean Energy Empowerment Zones Act

# Four Goals of CEJA

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1. Illinois becoming 100% renewable energy by 2050
2. Illinois having a carbon free power sector by 2030
3. Creating jobs that promote equity and economic development in communities left behind by this transition
4. Eliminating pollution through Electric Vehicle (EV) initiatives

# Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs

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- Creates a network of organizations providing support for disadvantaged/environmental justice communities, displaced fossil fuel workers, etc. to enter clean energy jobs
- Provides training, apprenticeship, job readiness, and skill development opportunities
- Partners with labor organizations to ensure participants of Hubs are recruited, placed, and supported in clean energy training programs

# Clean Energy Entrepreneurship

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- Provides support for disadvantaged businesses and contractors and allocate resources for businesses to execute clean energy
- Provides low cost capital for businesses and contractors to be able to compete with more established businesses in the clean energy sector

# Community Energy and Climate Planning

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- Encourages local units of government to establish plans to develop a comprehensive approach to energy and climate programs and funding resources. Among other things, plans should focus on:
  - Expanding workforce development/ job training opportunities in clean energy
  - Ensuring cost-effective transition away from fossil fuels in transport sector
  - Improving health of communities by reducing emissions, addressing brownfields, and promoting alternative energy sources

# Clean Energy Empowerment Zones

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- Ensuring a just transition by providing support for communities and workers impacted by closures or reduced use of coal by establishing funds for support
- Allocating state economic development resources for new business tax incentives, training, site clean-up and reuse, and tax revenue replacement

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