

ECO 2026 Recommendations

All MCCC working groups may offer up to four recommendations to the Commission for consideration to include in the Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly. These are due to the MCCC via [Google Form](#) by September 1 and will be submitted by working group staff.

All recommendations in this document are considered drafts until voted on by the ECO Working Group.

1. The General Assembly should pass legislation to implement a Seal of Climate Literacy for LEAs to issue to students.
2. The Governor should direct state agencies and initiatives including MDE, DNR, MSDE, the USM, and OLP, to formally partner with the Commission's ECO Working Group to support growth of the Maryland Climate Teach-In.
3. MSDE should increase personnel capacity and support for climate literacy in Maryland.
4. The General Assembly should require utility companies participating in EmPOWER Maryland to include a statement on customers' utility bills about the benefits of EmPOWER. The statement should read: "EmPOWER Maryland saves customers more than \$2 for every \$1 invested. Learn how you can take advantage of incentives for energy efficiency upgrades at [insert utility's EmPOWER program web address]."
5. The Maryland Department of Transportation should include educational messaging promoting the benefits of purchasing electric vehicles on road signage, bus stops, train stations, light rail/MARC cars, online resources, and on other public-facing materials.