

# Energy storage policy capacity

What are energy storage policies?

These policies are mostly concentrated around battery storage system, which is considered to be the fastest growing energy storage technology due to its efficiency, flexibility and rapidly decreasing cost. ESS policies are primarily found in regions with highly developed economies, that have advanced knowledge and expertise in the sector.

Why are energy storage resources important?

Energy storage resources have become an increasingly important component of the energy mix as traditional fossil fuel baseload energy resources transition to renewable energy sources. Currently 23 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have 100% clean energy goals in place.

What is a storage policy?

All of the states with a storage policy in place have a renewable portfolio standard or a nonbinding renewable energy goal. Regulatory changes can broaden competitive access to storage such as by updating resource planning requirements or permitting storage through rate proceedings.

What are the different types of energy storage policies?

Approximately 17 states have adopted some form of energy storage policies, which broadly fall into the following categories: procurement targets, regulatory adaptation, demonstration programs, financial incentives, and consumer protections. Below we give an overview of each of these energy storage policy categories.

How does ESS policy affect transport storage?

The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that in the first quarter of 2020, 30% of the global electricity supply was provided by renewable energy. ESS policy has made a positive impact on transport storage by providing alternatives to fossil fuels such as battery, super-capacitor and fuel cells.

How can energy storage support the global transition to clean electricity?

To support the global transition to clean electricity, funding for development of energy storage projects is required. Pumped hydro, batteries, hydrogen, and thermal storage are a few of the technologies currently in the spotlight.





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