



Building Bridges to Net  
Zero



# Community Solar

Bringing the Benefits of Renewable  
Energy to Multifamily Building  
Owners and Residents

# Introductions

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# Net Metering, Virtual or Not

- **Net metering** – when production > demand, kwh can be “banked” and credited to account against other use on same meter during given period
- **Virtual net energy metering (VNEM)** – allows credits for kwh produced on one site to be used by other sites in same utility territory

# Onsite & Offsite Shared Systems

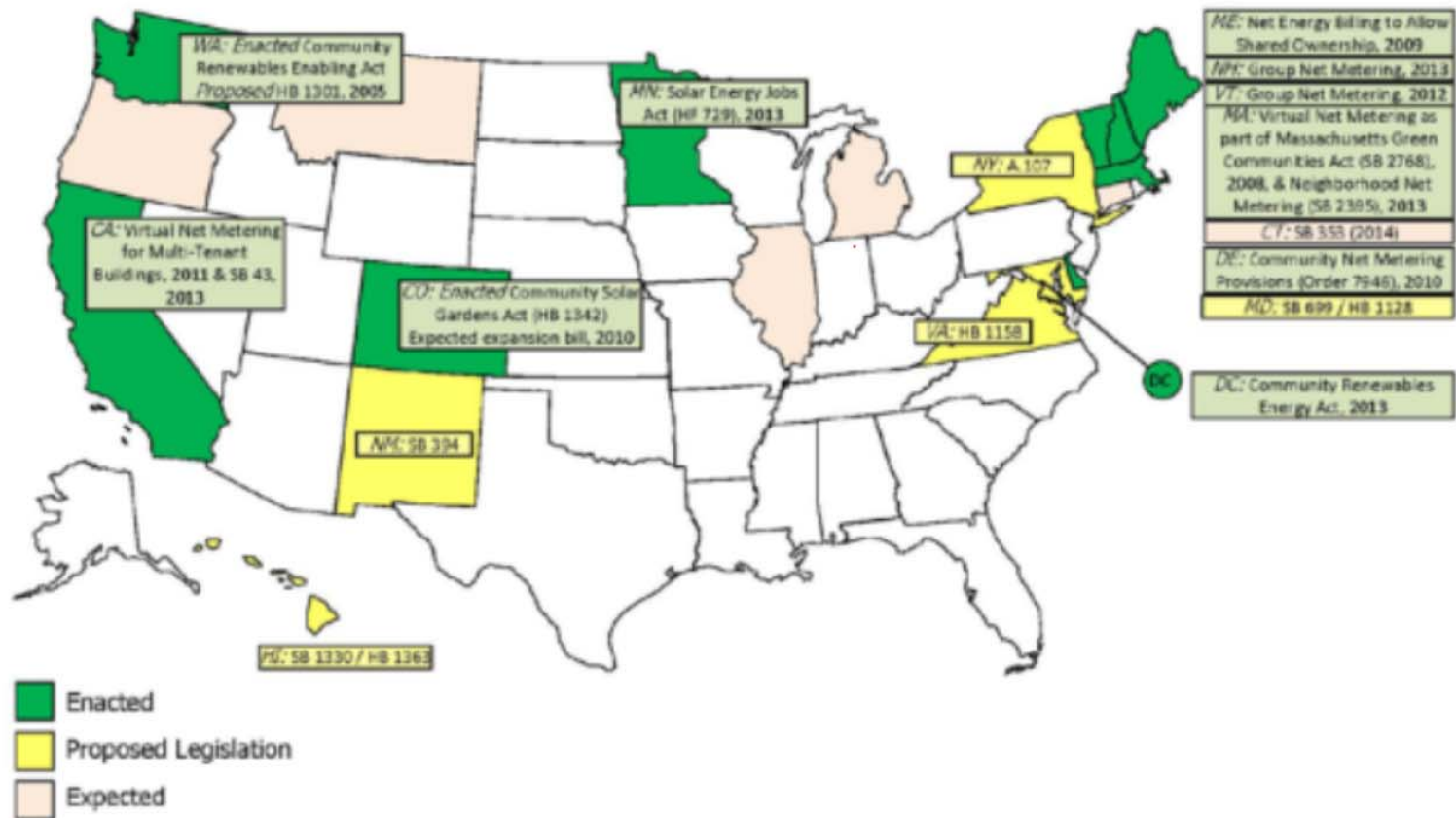


Source: <http://energy.gov/eere/solarpoweringamerica/national-community-solar-partnership>

# Community Solar Project Models

- **Utility sponsored** – utility owns project that is open to individual ratepayers
- **Special-purpose entity** – organization with individual investors developing a community solar project
- **Nonprofit “buy a brick”** – donors contribute to project owned by a charitable nonprofit

# State Statuses



**Figure 3. Enacted, proposed, and expected shared solar legislation, February 2015**

Source: Vote Solar 2015