### NEW YORK'S 2023-24 STATE GOVERNMENT AND KEY ENERGY ISSUES



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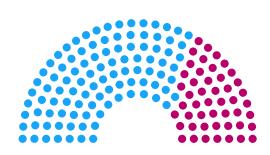
#### State Comptroller (D)

Thomas DiNapoli

#### STATE SENATE

- 42 Senate Democrats
- 21 Senate Republicans

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- 102 House Democrats
- 48 House Republicans

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### **KEY ENERGY ISSUES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN 2023**

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE REVENUE GENERATION**

• The Cap-and-Invest Program will begin and focus on a gradually declining cap on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to achieve GHG reduction goals of 40% by 2030 and at least 85% below 1990 levels by 2050.



• Distributors of heating and transportation fuels will be required to purchase allowances – proceeds will support the New York's investments in climate mitigation, energy efficiency, clean transportation, the Climate Action Rebate, and other projects. Recent amendments have established percentages from such funds that will be dedicated for these purposes and provides labor and other requirements (i.e., project labor agreements, prevailing wages, Buy America) for funded construction projects.

#### **ENERGY AFFORDABILITY**



• There are plans to extend \$200M in monthly discounts for electric bills to 800,000 low-income families that have not been eligible for the State's current utility discount program.

• To establish the EmPower Plus program, New York will offset the cost of retrofitting low-income homes by adding insulation, installing energy-efficient appliances, and switching from inefficient fossil fuel heating systems to clean electric alternatives where eligible.

#### SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS



- New York State enacted a prohibition upon on-site fossil fuel combustion systems and equipment in new building construction under 7 stories beginning in 2026, with the remaining new building construction subject to the prohibition beginning in 2029.
- The State will advance a system to grade large buildings on their energy usage and benchmark this data against a statewide common standard to demonstrate the need for energy-saving investments.

#### RETAIL ELECTRIC COMPETITION

• New York State enacted the New York State Build Public Renewables Act. It expands the New York Power Authority's ability to:



- o Acquire, develop, own, and operate renewable electric generating facilities and energy storage.
- o Authorize NYPA to sell or provide renewable energy to residential end-use customers and community choice aggregation communities.
- A separate bill, pending in the Legislature, would allow utilities to own renewable generation and require net revenues to be provided to low-income customers to offset their energy costs.