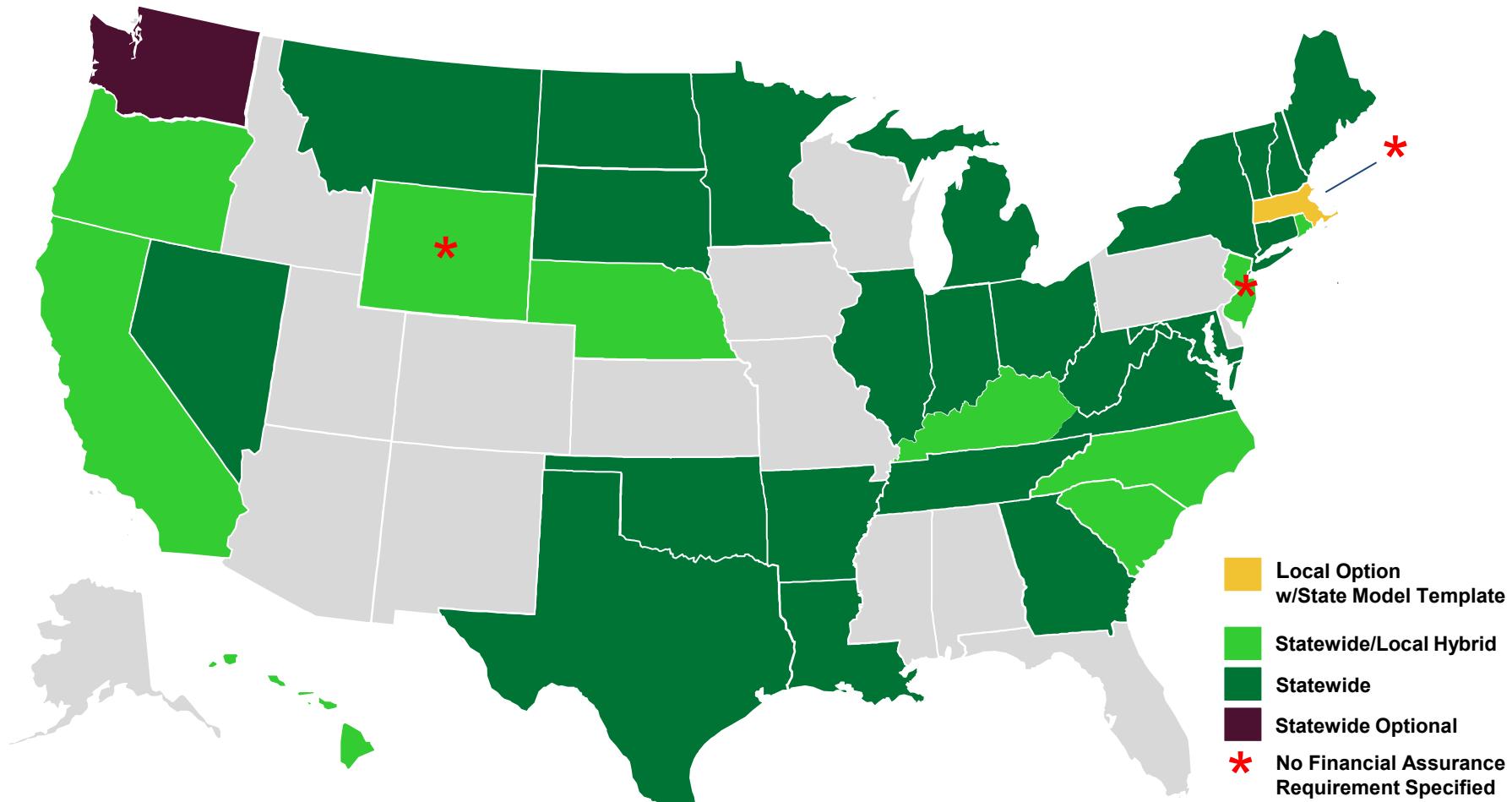


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Types of Statewide Policy Models

From state to state, there are a variety of decommissioning policy models that give certain jurisdictional powers to local governments and state agencies. The following model types are generally seen when examining the national solar decommissioning policy landscape:

- **Local Option Only:** States with no statewide policy, giving local governments the sole jurisdiction to implement solar decommissioning rules.
- **Local Option w/State Model Template:** States in which there is no statewide policy, giving local governments the sole jurisdiction to implement solar decommissioning rules, but are provided with a model template for requirements by the state government that localities can use.
- **Statewide/Local Hybrid:** States with a statewide decommissioning statute or rule that may give local governments the option to impose stricter requirements.
- **Statewide:** States in which statewide decommissioning statutes or rules are required.
- **Statewide Optional:** States with decommissioning statutes or rules that can be administered in lieu of local regulations.

Authorities/References

- **Arkansas:** AR Code Section 18-11-901 et seq.
- **California:** CA Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 3100 et seq.
- **Connecticut:** General Statutes of CT: 16-50k
- **Georgia:** Code of GA Section 46-3-67 et seq.
- **Hawaii:** HI Revised Statutes Section 205-4.5
- **Illinois:** 505 IL Compiled Statutes 147/ et seq. & 55 IL Compiled Statutes 5/5-12020
- **Indiana:** IN Code Title 8, Article 1, Chapter 42, Section 18
- **Kentucky:** KY Revised Statutes, Chapter 278, Sec. 704
- **Louisiana:** LA Revised Statutes 30:1131 and 30:1154
- **Maine:** ME Revised Statutes 35-A §3491 et seq. and 34-E §3498 et seq.
- **Maryland:** MD Code 7-218
- **Massachusetts:** MA Model Zoning Bylaw for the Regulation of Solar Energy Systems
- **Michigan:** Michigan Compiled Laws Sections 324.36104e & 460.1221 et seq.
- **Minnesota:** MN Administrative Rules 7854.0500 and MN Statutes 216E.01 - 216E.02
- **Montana:** MCA 75-26-304 and Administrative Rules of MT 17.86.1
- **Nebraska:** NE Revised Statute 66-911.01
- **Nevada:** NRS 704.734
- **New Hampshire:** NJ Revised Statutes Section 162-H:7 & NH Site Evaluation Committee Site 301.08
- **New Jersey:** NJ Administrative Code § 2:76-2A.12
- **New York:** Chapter XVIII, Title 19 of NYCRR §900-1.2, §900-2.24, §900-10.2
- **North Carolina:** NC General Statutes Chapter 130A, Article 9, Section 309.240
- **North Dakota:** ND Administrative Code Chapter 69-09-10
- **Ohio:** OH Revised Code, Title 49, Chapter 4906, Section 4906.21
- **Oklahoma:** OK Statute 17-820.1 et seq.
- **Oregon:** OR Revised Statutes 195.300 & 215.446
- **Rhode Island:** RI General Laws § 42-98-3 & § 42-98-8 (Statewide); RI General Laws § 39-33-1 et seq. (Hybrid)
- **South Carolina:** SC Code of Regulations 61-107.20
- **South Dakota:** SD Administrative Rules 20:10:22:33
- **Tennessee:** TN Code § 66-9-207
- **Texas:** TX Utilities Code Title 6, Chapter 302 and Chapter 303
- **Vermont:** 30 VT Statutes Annotated. § 248 & VT Public Utility Commission Rules 5.100 and 5.900
- **Virginia:** Code of VA, Title 15.2, Chapter 22, Article 6, Section 2241.2
- **Washington:** WA Administrative Code Chapters 51-54A-1207 et seq., 463-28, and 463-72
- **West Virginia:** WV Code Sec. 60-11-1 et seq.
- **Wyoming:** WY Statutes Annotated 18-5-501, 18-5-503, 35-12-102, 35-12-105