

# Renewable Portfolio Standards: A Primer and Legislative Update

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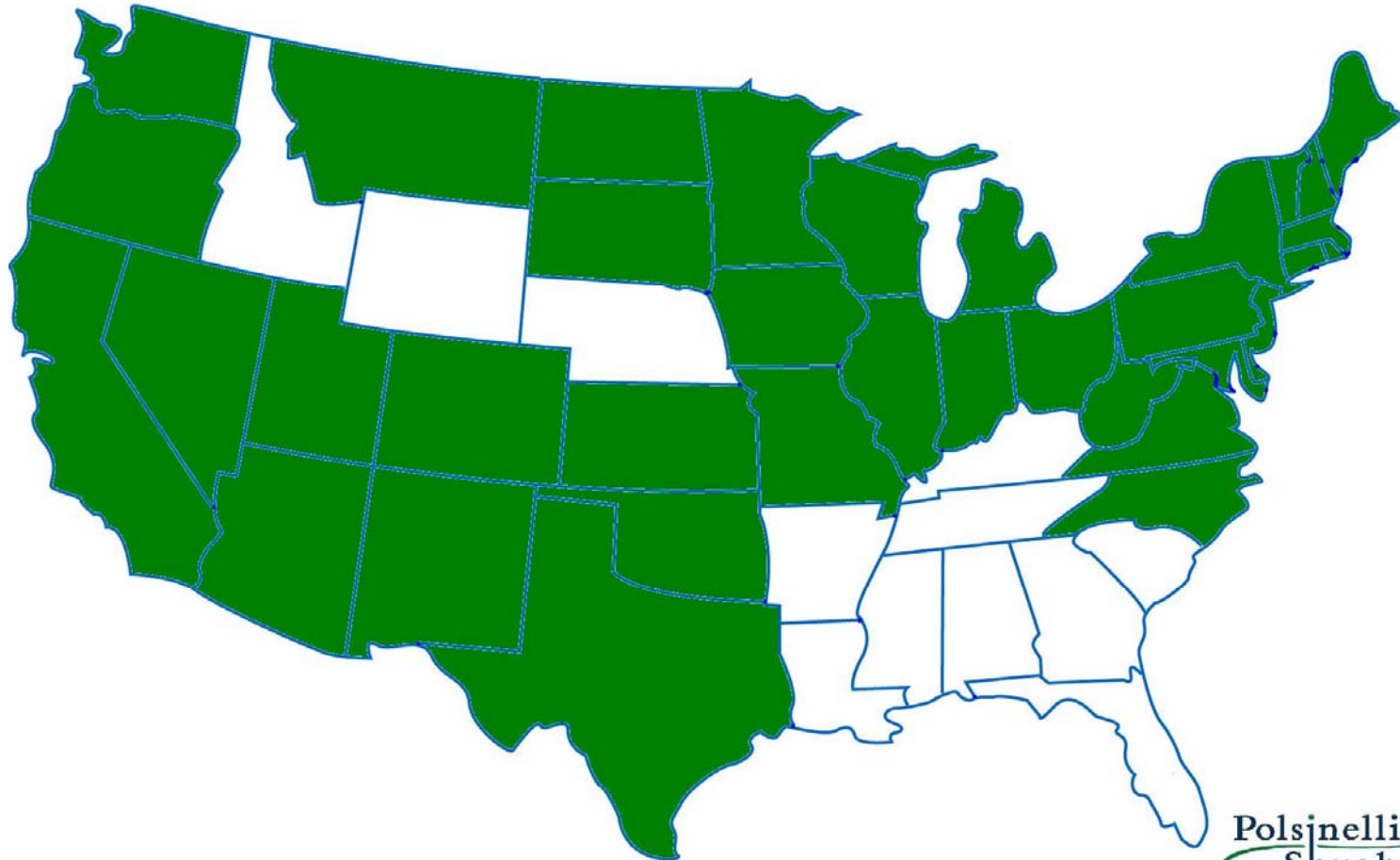
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# States with RPS Policies

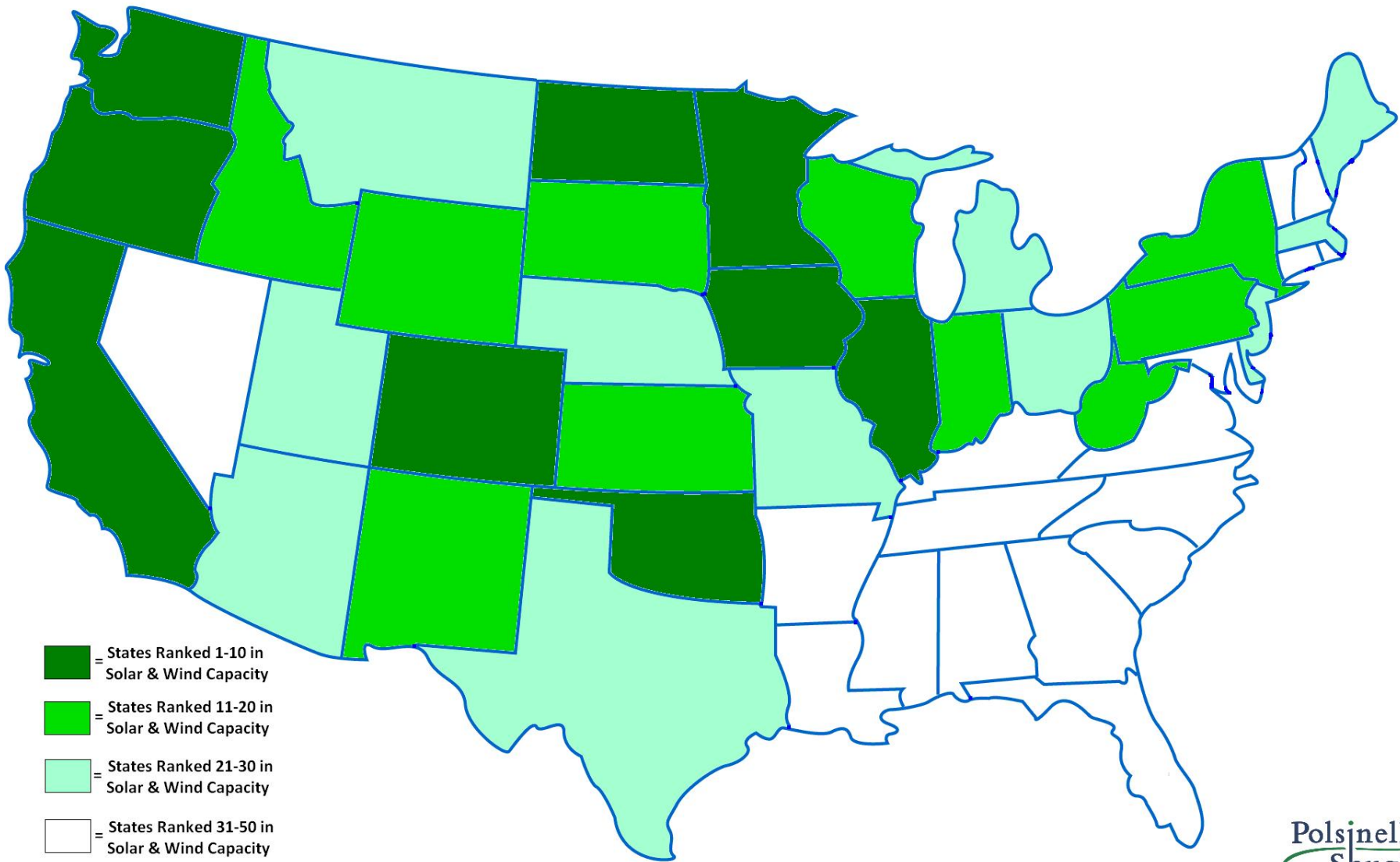


# The Kansas RPS

- Requires Kansas utilities and coops to generate or purchase the following amounts of energy from renewable resources:
  - 10% between 2011-2015
  - 15% between 2016-2019
  - 20% by 2020
- Each MW generated in Kansas counts as 1.1 MW for the purpose of compliance.
- If there is a 1% or greater increase on retail rates, the KCC may waive penalties for non-compliance.



**Do RPSs work?**



# The Numbers

# What Does This Mean for Kansas?

- The states with the most favorable environments get these projects.
- With the RPS, wind projects have already invested \$6 billion in Kansas
  - Not including:
    - \$273 million in Landowner Payments
    - \$208 million in Donation Agreements to Communities
    - 13,484 jobs

# What Does This Mean for Kansas?

- Current Kansas RPS Legislation
  - SB 82
    - Currently before the Senate Utilities Committee, with a Hearing scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Pushes back the RPS deadlines by 2 years
    - Adds “triggers” that allow a utility to not comply
      - Lack of “firm transmission” for a wind project
      - Excessive cost to retail rate customers
        - » Unclear how this differs from the 1% rate cap already in the statute.
  - Another bill will be introduced next week in the House Energy & Environment Committee.
    - No language has been released yet.
    - Hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 14th



# What Can You Do?

- Contact your State Senator and Representative
- Submit op-ed pieces to local media
- Talk to friends and family about the RPS
- Other ideas?