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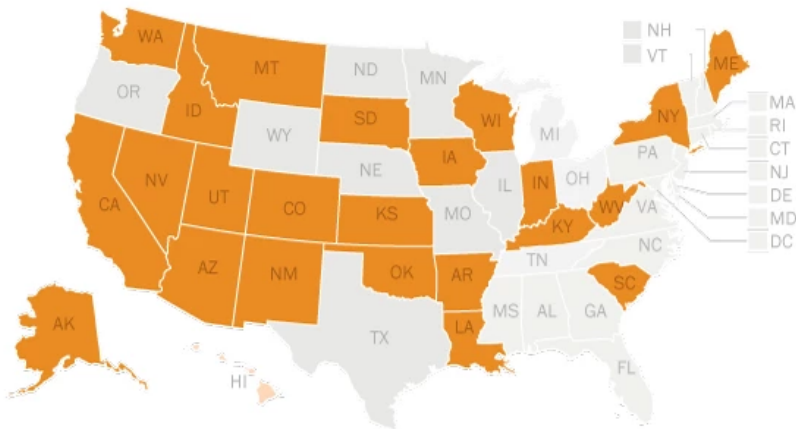


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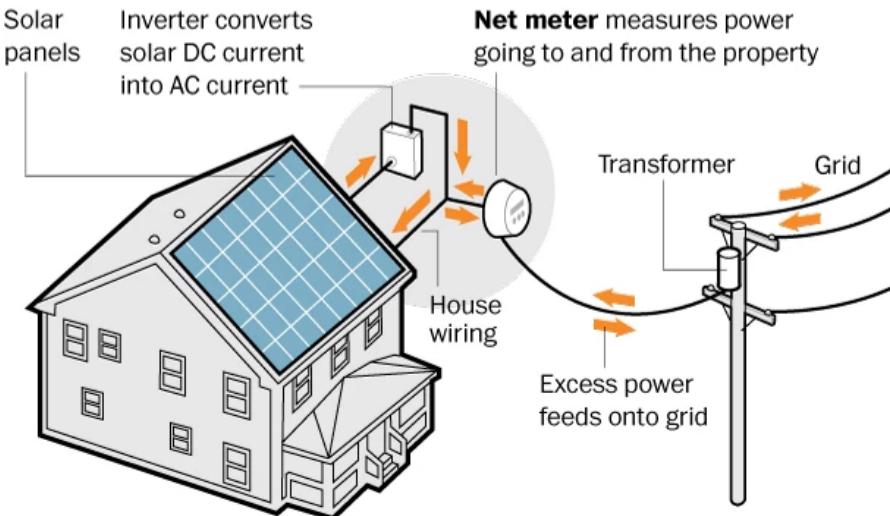
Utility companies are targeting the residential solar industry with proposed laws restricting "net metering," the practice that allows solar customers to earn credit for the surplus energy they produce. Industry groups say current laws give unfair advantages to solar users, while opponents say the real aim is destroying a rival business. [Read related article.](#)

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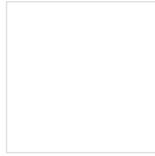
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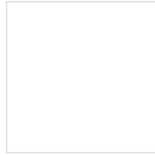
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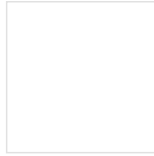
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