State Corporation Commission
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB823 **Patron:** Rouse
Bill Title: Electric utilities; construction of renewable energy facilities.

Bill Summary: Requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power, in constructing any renewable energy facility, to develop and submit a plan to the State Corporation Commission for review and approval that addresses the following considerations: (i) options for utilizing local workers; (ii) the economic development benefits of the project for the Commonwealth, including capital investments and job creation; (iii) opportunities to advance the Commonwealth's workforce and economic development goals, including furtherance of apprenticeship and other workforce training programs; and (iv) giving priority to the hiring, apprenticeship, and training of local workers, workers from historically economically disadvantaged communities, and veterans. The bill requires that in approving any such facility, the Commission shall issue findings related to how the facility will advance such interests.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: Fiscal impact estimate is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate budget impact based on expected workload.

General Fund Expenditure Impact: None

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact: None

Position Impact: None

Fiscal Analysis: This bill will require additional workload on the State Corporation Commission to ensure compliance with new Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements. During the course of an RPS proceeding at the Commission at least one existing employee will be required to review and analyze this new requirement to determine compliance. This will add additional hours of work to a case with a statutory deadline, which over time could lead to the need for additional full-time staff.

The SCC costs to implement the requirements in this bill will impact its Public Utility Fund (02080). The current rate cap authorization (58.1-2900) as approved by the General Assembly (GA) is not sufficient to generate the revenue needed for the Fund to cover the costs of this bill's requirements. However, bills HB2663 and SB1336 have been introduced in the 2025 GA session to adjust electric consumption rate caps to fund SCC existing expenses and potential new expenses from electric utility SCC oversight legislation passed during the 2025 GA Session. The costs associated with SB823 can be absorbed from the revenue that would result from the passage of HB2663/SB1336.

Other: None