## State Corporation Commission 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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**Bill Number:** SB1316 **Patron:** McPike

**Bill Title:** Renewable energy portfolio standard eligible sources; geothermal resources.

**Bill Summary:** Provides that geothermal resources, as defined in the bill, located in the Commonwealth or physically located within the PJM region are eligible for compliance with renewable energy portfolio standard requirements.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

No

**Explanation:** Not Applicable

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate budget impact based on expected increased 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 (SCC) to adjust the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) Business Rules. This would likely be accomplished through a new proceeding established at the Commission.

There are several legislative proposals advancing in the 2025 Regular Session that involve a proceeding, new regulations, or direct the Commission to lead a work group or author a report. The cumulative effect of enactment of these types of proposals will exceed the capacity of Commission Staff responsible for public utility regulation and may result in the need for additional appropriations, positions, or both.

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 SB1316 can be absorbed from the revenue that would result from the passage of HB2663/SB1336.

Other: None