

General Fund Expenditure Impact: None

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

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
SCC (17100)			\$268,000	\$242,000	\$242,000	\$242,000
TOTAL			\$268,000	\$242,000	\$242,000	\$242,000

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
SCC (17100)			3	3	3	3
TOTAL			3	3	3	3

Fiscal Analysis: This bill creates an Office of the Public Utility Ombudsmen within the State Corporation Commission. Although the duties identified appear to largely align with existing duties of the Division of Public Utility Regulation, this bill adds at least one additional utility as well as some new responsibilities. Accordingly, Staff is identifying the potential need for up to three full-time employees (FTEs) to accommodate the potential increase in workload in assisting residential customers.

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, enrolled bills HB2663 and SB1336 adjust the 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 HB2136 can be absorbed from the revenue that would result from the passage of HB2663/SB1336.

Other: None