



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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House Bill 289

Version: Introduced

Patron: Anderson

Title: Electric utilities; small portable solar generation devices.

Summary: Permits any electric utility customer to own and operate a small portable solar generation device, defined in the bill as a nationally certified, plug-in solar photovoltaic device with a maximum power output of no more than 1,200 watts at a single premise that is not designed to be interconnected with the electric grid and is intended primarily to offset part of the customer's electricity consumption. The bill prohibits an investor-owned utility, municipal utility, or electric cooperative from imposing interconnection requirements, charging any fee related to the device, or requiring that the customer obtain the utility's approval before installing or using the device. Under the bill, no electric utility or electric cooperative shall be liable for damage or injury caused by a small portable solar generation device.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: ☐ Budget, Item ###
☐ Technical, see *Technical Note* below
☒ None

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

None.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

None.

Technical Note

None.