



## 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

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### *Fiscal Summary*

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The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

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### *Fiscal Analysis*

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#### **Revenue**

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None.

#### **Expenditures**

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None.

#### **Change in FTE**

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None.

## **Other Comments**

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None.

## **Technical Note**

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