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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 114

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Labor and Commerce
on January 27, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Ware)

A BILL to direct the Department of Energy and the State Corporation Commission to conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing electric utility infrastructure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. § 1. The Department of Energy (the Department), in consultation with the State Corporation Commission
10 (the Commission), shall conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing electric utility infrastructure to
11 identify cost-saving opportunities that improve or preserve electric system reliability as an alternative or
12 supplement to greenfield infrastructure projects. Such analysis shall include capacity uprates for zero-
13 carbon electric generating resources and energy storage resources and transmission upgrades including
14 grid enhancing technologies and high-performance conductors. The Department and the Commission shall
15 also analyze whether there are or could be any potential voluntary regulatory pathways by which large load
16 customers could directly finance such alternatives as a condition of accelerated interconnection. The
17 Department and the Commission shall complete their analyses and submit a report to the General Assembly
18 no later than December 1, 2026. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection C of § 56-585.5 of the Code of
19 Virginia, any additional generating capacity achieved through uprates at any existing falling water
20 resources shall be considered a renewable energy standard eligible source for the purposes of § 56-585.5 of
21 the Code of Virginia.

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