



## Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

### Virginia State Corporation Commission

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## House Bill 1073

**Version:** Introduced

**Patron:** Rasoul

**Title:** State Corporation Commission; pipeline leak detection and repair standards.

**Summary:** Directs the State Corporation Commission to promulgate regulations for pipeline leak detection and repair standards for pipeline facilities used in the intrastate transportation of gas that are, at a minimum, as protective as the standards set forth in the Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair Final Rule issued by the U. S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on January 17, 2025.

**Effective Date(s):** July 1, 2026

**Amendment Necessary:** ☒ Budget, Item 475  
☐ Technical, see *Technical Note* below  
☐ None

### Fiscal Summary

TYPE OF IMPACT	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
<b>REVENUE</b>					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (XXXX)</i>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	\$838,000	\$620,000	\$620,000	\$620,000	\$620,000
<b>CHANGE IN FTE</b>					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	6				

### Fiscal Analysis

#### Revenue

Should the requirements of this bill be enacted, the natural gas special regulatory consumption tax authorized in §58.1-2904 for the purposes described in §58.1-2907, will need to be increased to the rate cap.

**Expenditures**

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To meet the requirements of this bill, the SCC will be required to hire six full-time employees, which includes four inspectors to cover the expanded regulations, one enforcement agent, and one attorney.

**Change in FTE**

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Six full-time employees.

**Other Comments**

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This bill requires the SCC to promulgate new regulations regarding pipeline safety inspections. The bill will require the SCC to undertake additional inspection efforts across the 68 gas pipeline operators across Virginia for compliance with the new regulations, this includes natural gas, renewable natural gas, and liquified petroleum gas pipeline operators.

**Technical Note**

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None.