



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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Senate Bill 487

Version: Introduced

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Title: Electric utilities; virtual power plant program; electric cooperatives.

Summary: Authorizes electric cooperatives to establish and implement a virtual power plant program. The bill defines a virtual power plant as an aggregation of distributed energy resources, enrolled either directly with an electric utility or indirectly through an aggregator, that are operated in coordination to provide one or more grid services. Under the bill, an electric cooperative may offer incentives to residential customers to purchase battery storage devices and is required to evaluate various methods to optimize demand.

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.