



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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House Bill 1073

Version: House Substitute 1

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
REVENUE					
General (XXXX)					
Nongeneral (XXXX)					
EXPENDITURES					
General (XXXX)					
Nongeneral (0208)	\$417,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000
CHANGE IN FTE					
General (XXXX)					
Nongeneral (0208)	3				

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

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

Change in FTE

Three full-time employees.

Other Comments

This bill requires the SCC to promulgate new regulations regarding pipeline safety inspections. The bill will require the SCC to undertake additional inspection efforts for the four largest local distribution companies in Virginia.

Technical Note

None.