

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation establishes the Distributed Energy Resources Task Force. The Task Force's membership includes three legislative members: one Delegate, one Senator, and the Chair of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (currently a Senator). The Clerks' Offices will require additional funding for member compensation when the Task Force holds meetings. Members receive \$300 per day and assuming the Task Force meets four times, the House of Delegates will require \$1,200 and the Senate of Virginia will require \$2,400. Legislative members are also entitled to travel, lodging, and incidentals reimbursement. These costs are estimated at \$397 per member, per meeting, or \$4,764 in total. The travel related expenses would need to be budgeted under the Office of the Governor, as that office is directed to staff the Task Force.

The Task Force also includes several ex officio members and representatives from state agencies. No additional costs are assumed for participation by these individuals, as it is assumed that Task Force meetings will be held in Richmond.

The Governor is directed to appoint other nonlegislative members to the Task Force, and the total number of Task Force Members is to be between 25 and 35. There are ten named members of the Task Force, meaning that there could be between 15 and 25 nonlegislative members. The nonlegislative members would be eligible to receive reimbursement for travel costs. Travel costs are estimated at \$160 per nonlegislative and therefore could be \$16,000 assuming all 25 nonlegislative members are appointed and assuming four Task Force meetings.

The bill directs that the Office of the Governor will provide staff to coordinate the work of the Task Force, manage stakeholder engagement, oversee deliverables, and ensure actionable outcomes as needed. Given that the Task Force will expire on July 1, 2027, it is assumed that a temporary wage position is needed to provide this staff support. The cost of this wage position is estimated at \$64,590.

Other: This bill is similar, but not identical, to SB223-S1.