



**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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The bill provides that Energy may defray the costs of the system by placing a surcharge on residential solar permitting fees collected by localities. The bill does not establish the amount of the surcharge, a method of establishing an amount that would be sufficient but not excessive to support the platform, or a mechanism for any such revenue collected by a locality to be remitted to Energy.

According to Energy, multiple third-party platforms that satisfy the requirements of the bill are commercially available, including at least one that would be available at no cost to the state. It is anticipated that the cost for the Commonwealth to develop and maintain a platform, if it becomes necessary, would be at least \$466,000 in the first year and \$336,000 in ongoing years.

This impact statement is preliminary and may be updated if additional information becomes available.

**Other:** This bill is similar to HB590.