



## Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

*Virginia State Corporation Commission*

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### Senate Bill 253

**Version:** Engrossed

**Patron:** Lucas

**Title:** Electric utilities; pilot programs for energy assistance and weatherization for certain individuals.

**Summary as Passed Senate:** Amends annual funding commitments for the purposes of the annual pilot program for energy assistance and weatherization for low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals conducted by Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power Company. Under the bill, Dominion Energy shall conduct its pilot program at no less than \$156 million and no greater than \$204 million for the time period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2038, with an annual minimum of \$13 million, and Appalachian Power Company shall conduct its pilot program at no less than \$1 million and no greater than \$1.5 million annually. The bill extends the sunset date of such pilot programs from July 1, 2028 to July 1, 2038.

The bill also provides that Dominion Energy may recover costs associated with certain electrical facilities that have been approved by the State Corporation Commission as of December 1, 2038, provided that certain requirements are met and notwithstanding any limitations on such cost recovery in current law. The bill directs Dominion Energy to propose to the Commission, in a petition and in future proceedings to determine its rates for generation and distribution services, provisions regarding the assignment of certain costs.

As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation.

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

**Amendment Necessary:**  Budget, Item ###  
 Technical, see *Technical Note* below  
 None

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### *Fiscal Summary*

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

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### *Fiscal Analysis*

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#### Revenue

None.

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#### Expenditures

None.

**Change in FTE**

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None.

**Other Comments**

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None.

**Technical Note**

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