



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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Senate Bill 598

Version: Senate Substitute 1

Patron: Deeds

Title: Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard, definition of zero-carbon electricity, etc.

Summary as Passed Senate: Revises the conditions under which accelerated clean energy buyers, defined in existing law as accelerated renewable energy buyers, may contract with Appalachian Power or Dominion Energy Virginia to obtain renewable energy certificates (RECs). The bill exempts an accelerated clean energy buyer obtaining capacity, energy, or RECs from qualifying resources or facilities from the assignment of non-bypassable costs associated with compliance with the renewable portfolio standard program based on the amount and type of renewable energy certificates obtained in proportion to such accelerated clean energy buyer's total electric energy consumption. This bill incorporates [SB 470](#).

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: Budget, Item 475
 Technical, see *Technical Note* below
 None

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact on the bill as substituted.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

None.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

None.

Technical Note

None.