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potential disputes with localities or contractors. Additionally, Energy anticipates the need for \$400,000 in contract support to onboard and coordinate with localities to establish the program over the first two years.

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 necessary, would be at least \$466,000 in the first year and \$336,000 in ongoing years.

Operating costs may be offset, partially or in full, by fees collected by localities that issue residential solar energy system permits. Revenue estimates are indeterminate. Energy estimates that approximately 10,000 systems are installed in the Commonwealth each year.

Amendments to HB30, as passed by the House, include \$50,000 to support a workgroup to study the costs and implementation of such a Platform.

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

Other: This bill is similar to HB 590.