



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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Senate Bill 250

Version: House Substitute 1

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Title: Electric utilities; small portable solar generation devices; local regulation; installation by tenants; consumer protection.

Summary as Passed Senate: Prevents a locality from prohibiting the use of a small portable solar generation device, as defined in the bill, on a residential structure, provided that certain requirements are met. Under the bill, a small portable solar generation device must include a device or feature that prevents the device from affecting the electrical system of a building during a power outage. The bill includes provisions related to the installation of small portable solar generation devices by tenants and prevents landlords from prohibiting such installation in certain circumstances. Under the bill, small portable solar generation devices are excluded from the provisions of net metering programs applicable to eligible agricultural customer-generators, eligible customer-generators, or small agricultural generating facilities. The bill also permits any electric utility customer to own and operate a small portable solar generation device, provided that certain requirements are met. The bill prohibits an investor-owned utility, municipal utility, or electric cooperative from imposing interconnection requirements, charging any fee related to the device, or requiring that the customer obtain the utility's approval before installing or using the device. Under the bill, no electric utility, municipal utility, electric cooperative shall be liable for damage or injury caused by a small portable solar generation device. The bill also provides that small portable solar generation devices are considered goods for the purposes of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. Finally, the bill requires the State Corporation Commission to develop and publish a notification form by September 1, 2026 for electric service customers who install a small portable solar generation device.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

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

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

None.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

None.

Technical Note

None.