Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB836ER **Patron:** Lucas
Bill Title: Transformer Manufacturing Expansion Grant Fund.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Transformer Manufacturing Expansion Grant Fund to provide grant installment awards between July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2041, in an amount not to exceed $5.1 million per fiscal year and in an aggregate amount not to exceed $60 million, to a qualified company that (i) engages in the manufacture of electrical transformers, (ii) executes a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth, and (iii) is expected to make a capital investment of at least $301 million and create and maintain at least 1,185 new full-time jobs.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted: N/A**
Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade; however, a budget amendment is not required.

Fiscal Summary: This bill creates the Transformer Manufacturing Expansion Grant Fund. Item 101 of the introduced budget bill, HB30/SB30, includes general fund appropriation to support this legislation.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
312	$0	$0	$4,066,405	$2,771,235	$2,788,980	$3,783,500
TOTAL	$0	$0	$4,066,405	$2,771,235	$2,788,980	$3,783,500

Fiscal Impact: This impact statement is final. This bill establishes a new grant program referred to as the Transformer Manufacturing Expansion Grant Fund. The bill stipulates that the Commonwealth will provide an aggregate of $60 million, payable over a 15-year period, to an eligible company if the company meets its performance metrics. In any fiscal year, the aggregate amount of grants payable shall not exceed $5.1 million.

HB30/SB30, as introduced, includes $4.1 million in the second year from the general fund to support this program. Budgetary language in Item 101 references this legislation. Funding will be required in future years to support the program and fulfil commitments made to the company. The Fund will be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. It is anticipated that any costs to administer the program will be absorbed in current resources.

Other: HB1530 is the companion to this bill**.**