Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB459-ER **Patron:** Stuart
Bill Title: Virginia Consumer Protection Act; liquefied petroleum gas fitters; service disconnection requirements; civil penalties.

Bill Summary: Requires a liquefied petroleum gas fitter, within 14 days after receiving a customer's request to discontinue liquefied petroleum gas delivery service, to offer in writing to remove any remaining liquefied petroleum gas from such customer's storage tank and reimburse the customer for the cost of the removed liquefied petroleum gas at the prevailing rate, as defined in the bill. Under the bill, if a customer accepts such offer, the liquefied petroleum gas fitter shall carry out such removal and reimbursement within 30 days after such acceptance.

A violation of the bill's provisions constitutes a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. That the provisions of this act shall apply to contracts for liquefied petroleum gas delivery service, as defined in § 59.1-614 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, entered into, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. **Items Impacted:** Item 50
Explanation: The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) indicates the proposed legislation may require general fund appropriation for additional staff to handle an expected increase in its workload.

Fiscal Summary: According to the OAG, this bill adds new enforcement responsibilities in connection with disconnection of liquefied petroleum gas services. The bill may require up to ¼ of the workload of a mid-level assistant attorney general and ¼ of the workload of a dispute resolution specialist.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
	$0	$61,024	$61,024	$61,024	$61,024	$61,024
TOTAL	**$0**	**$61,024**	**$61,024**	**$61,024**	**$61,024**	**$61,024**

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
TOTAL	**0.00**	**0.50**	**0.50**	**0.50**	**0.50**	**0.50**

Fiscal Analysis: The annual cost of staff, including benefits is $61,024. One fourth of the cost of a mid-level assistant attorney general is $37,556 and ¼ of the cost of a dispute resolution specialist is $23,468.

Other: None.