

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB43 ER

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Bill Title: Demand response programs; evaluation and assessment by Department of Energy, report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Energy to evaluate and assess the benefits and impacts of and best practices and implementation recommendations for demand response programs in the Commonwealth and to submit a report of such evaluation and assessment by November 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 109

Explanation: This bill would create additional expenses for the Department of Energy.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that the bill would result in a one-time general fund expenditure of \$100,000.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Energy	-	\$100,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		\$100,000				

Fiscal Analysis: The bill directs Energy to conduct a study on implementation of demand response programs, and to submit a report to lawmakers by November 1, 2026. According to the agency, support would be required to address subject matter outside the agency's current scope of operations, including the provision related to regional transmission entity's resource adequacy standards and options related to large load users, such as data centers. Based on similar studies, Energy anticipates a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Amendments to SB 30 approved by the Senate provided \$1.0 million in FY 2027 and \$425,000 in FY 2028 for the combined implementation of this bill and four others.

Other: None.