



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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House Bill 1073

Version: Enrolled

Patron: Rasoul

Title: State Corporation Commission; pipeline leak detection and repair standards.

Summary as Passed: Directs the State Corporation Commission to promulgate regulations establishing standards for the use of pipeline leak detection technologies for intrastate natural gas distribution facilities operated by certain utilities, as informed by a federal rulemaking on gas pipeline safety. The provisions of the bill and any such regulations shall expire upon the effective date of any final rule under the federal rulemaking on gas pipeline safety.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: Budget, Item 475
 Technical, see *Technical Note* below
 None

Fiscal Summary

TYPE OF IMPACT	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
REVENUE					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (XXXX)</i>					
EXPENDITURES					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	\$417,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000
CHANGE IN FTE					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	3				

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

Should the requirements of this bill be enacted, the natural gas special regulatory consumption tax authorized in §58.1-2904 for the purposes described in §58.1-2907, will need to be increased to the rate cap.

Expenditures

To meet the requirements of this bill, the SCC will be required to hire three full-time employees, which includes two inspectors to cover the expanded regulations, one enforcement agent.

Change in FTE

Three full-time employees.

Other Comments

This bill requires the SCC to promulgate new regulations regarding pipeline safety inspections. The bill will require the SCC to undertake additional inspection efforts for the four largest local distribution companies in Virginia.

Technical Note

None.