

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 242

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Ticer

3. Committee Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title Virginia Clean Smokestacks Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would establish a phased schedule for all electric generating units in Virginia to reduce their emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury. The State Air Pollution Control Board would be charged with promulgating the regulations that require specific numerical reductions in each pollutant. The bill also would require each electric generating unit that is located within 1,000 meters of an occupied dwelling or body of water to complete a modeling analysis assessing the effects of emissions from the facility on the surrounding area. This analysis would have to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, which would review each report. The Department would be required to implement a strategy to achieve reductions in mercury emissions. The Department also would have to conduct an analysis of the issues related to development and implementation of standards and programs to control emissions of carbon dioxide from stationary sources, which would have to be submitted to the legislative oversight committees by November 1, 2008.

6. Fiscal impact: There would be some costs to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) associated with the requirements of the bill. However, depending upon the scope of the additional studies and plan development required, DEQ may be able to implement the provisions of the bill using existing resources.

7. Budget amendment necessary: See Item 6.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB 1055 as introduced.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources