

State Corporation Commission 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2371

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Nutter

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **Electric utilities; pilot proceeding for rate initiatives.**

5. Summary: Electric utilities; pilot proceeding for rate initiatives. Directs the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to conduct a proceeding to establish pilot programs of which the two largest investor-owned utilities serving Virginia shall be a party. The purpose is to determine the feasibility, and the implications on the public interest, of making specific rate structures available to customers who generate electricity on-site with renewable generation, or off-site renewable generation with rated capacity less than 5 MW from falling water and located within 6 miles of such customer. The pilot shall provide the ability for customers who volunteer to participate, to purchase electricity from and sell to the utilities at dynamic rates and to receive on the periodic billing statement charges calculated by an approved methodology that proximately results from such participation.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available; see Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the State Corporation Commission to establish two pilot programs for each of the two largest utilities serving the Commonwealth and determine a methodology to calculate the value of such participation within the pilots. No additional SCC staff will be required to comply with this legislation. However, additional SCC staff may be required as a result of additional duties required by the passage and approval of other pending legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Should “imbedded” on line 25 be “embedded”? Also, the provisions on line 31 may need to be amended to address a drafting issue. At the end of line 24, the language provides “..., the Commission shall:” and subdivisions a, b, c and e which follow start out with a verb. However, subdivision d on line 31 begins with a statement.

11. Other Comments: None

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