

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB862

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

**2. Patron:** Wagner

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Commonwealth Energy Policy; local renewable energy facility siting ordinances.

**5. Summary:** This bill outlines the required components of any local ordinance developed to address the siting of renewable energy facilities that generate electricity from wind or solar resources. Specifically, any such ordinance shall: (i) be consistent with the Commonwealth Energy Policy pursuant to subsection C of § 67-102, Code of Virginia; (ii) provide reasonable criteria to protect the locality in a manner consistent with the goals of the Commonwealth to promote the generation of energy from wind and solar resources; and (iii) include provisions establishing reasonable requirements for various impacts these facilities may have on the surrounding community and environment.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, the state agency responsible for the development of the Virginia Energy Plan and the Commonwealth Energy Policy, does not anticipate a fiscal impact on the state as a result of this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** Any costs resulting from the development and enforcement of an ordinance authorized by this bill would be borne by the localities.

**Date:** March 3, 2011

c: Secretary of Commerce and Trade