

State Corporation Commission 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB748

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

2. Patron: Wagner

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Economic Development Infrastructure Act of 2016.

5. Summary: Authorizes an electric or natural gas public utility to conduct an Economic Development Program. Under such a Program, the utility is authorized to acquire utility right of way for a qualified economic development site. The measure establishes criteria for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to certify that a site is a qualified economic development site. The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is authorized to approve a proposal for a Program that satisfies certain conditions, including a finding that implementation of the Program will provide material economic development benefits that might not otherwise be attained absent its approval. A utility's capital investment is capped at \$10 million in the aggregate of all of the utility's Programs and at \$5 million for any specific qualified economic development site. The Commission's approval of a proposed Program authorizes the utility to recover costs incurred in implementing the Program through a rate adjustment clause. The SCC's approval is contingent on finding that the associated charges resulting from implementation of the Program will not in the aggregate impact an average residential consumer by more than one dollar on an annual basis. The measure does not permit a utility to convert existing retail propane customers to electric or natural gas.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission;
Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: No

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