

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB414

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Delaney

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Virginia Energy Plan; covenants regarding solar power; reasonable restrictions.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a restriction on solar energy collection devices is unreasonable if application of the restriction to a particular proposal (i) increases the cost of installation of the solar energy collection device by five percent over the projected cost of the initially proposed installation or (ii) reduces the energy production by the solar energy collection device by 10 percent below the projected energy production of the initially proposed installation. The owner shall provide documentation prepared by an independent solar panel design specialist, who is certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners and is licensed in Virginia, that is satisfactory to the community association to show that the restriction is not reasonable according to the criteria established in this subsection.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy; Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.