

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB202

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

2. Patron: Webert

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Solar facilities; permit by rule.

5. Summary: Lowers from 150 to 20 megawatts the maximum generation capacity of an electrical generation facility that generates electricity only from sunlight to qualify for issuance of a permit by rule.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 490, HB30/SB30 as introduced

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact: State Corporation Commission (Item 490)

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$470,000	4	NGF
2024	\$685,000	6	NGF
2025	\$685,000	6	NGF
2026	\$685,000	6	NGF
2027	\$685,000	6	NGF
2028	\$685,000	6	NGF
2029	\$685,000	6	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Corporation Commission (SCC) anticipates that this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in the submissions of solar Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to the agency. The SCC anticipates that \$470,000 the first year and \$685,000 thereafter will be needed for the agency to provide for additional staff in both its engineering and economic groups. These costs represent additional staff and technology needs specific to the job duties, and would be supported with fee revenues.

Information from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is not yet available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The State Corporation Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.