

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB657

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: Wampler

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Public utilities; waste coal and certain coal-fired electric generating units.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Energy (DEN), in cooperation with the public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth, to identify the approximate volume and number of waste coal piles present in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth and options for cleaning up such waste coal piles. Requires that DEN report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by December 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Energy as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth include Radford University, University of Virginia's College at Wise, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Impact estimates from these institutions are not available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Energy; public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.