

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2386

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

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Commerce and Energy

4. Title: Virginia Power Innovation Fund and Program; created.

5. Summary: Creates the Virginia Power Innovation Fund with funding to be used solely for the purposes of research and development of innovative energy technologies, including nuclear, hydrogen, carbon capture and utilization, and energy storage. The bill also creates the Virginia Power Innovation Program to use moneys from the Fund to (i) establish a Virginia nuclear innovation hub and (ii) award competitive grants to support energy innovation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Item 122 of HB1400/SB800, as introduced, establishes the Virginia Power Innovation Fund and includes \$10.0 million from the general fund in FY 2024 to capitalize the Fund. Additionally, budget language directs the use of \$5.0 million of the funds to support establishing a Virginia Nuclear Innovation Hub, and \$5.0 million for grants to support energy innovation.

It is anticipated that the Virginia Department of Energy can absorb any fiscal impact that may result from this bill within the appropriations included in HB1400/SB800, as introduced. An amendment may be necessary to modify budget bill language in Item 122 to ensure consistency between the bill and the language.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Energy; Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. On line 32, remove the word “deployment”.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB1464.