

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB450

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Whipple

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program.**

5. Summary: Mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program. Provides for a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program. Under current law, the renewable energy portfolio standard program is a voluntary program to which investor-owned utilities apply to receive certain incentives. The bill creates a mandatory RPS program that retains the existing RPS goals and positive incentives and authorizes the SCC to charge a noncompliance fee to utilities that do not meet the RPS goals. The bill also creates the Virginia Sustainable Energy Fund into which utilities that fail to meet the program goals pay noncompliance fees.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Senate Bill 450 places a new responsibility on the State Corporation Commission. The legislation would increase costs to establish the mechanism to collect and track noncompliance fees from investor-owned utilities and monitor institutions not under the purview of the Commission.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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