

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1236

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

2. Patron: Toscano

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Information on energy conservation.**

5. Summary: Information on energy conservation. Requires investor-owned electric utilities and natural gas distribution companies to provide information to customers to support and encourage conservation actions. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to determine the type of information and issue guidelines indicating what information is to be (i) included with customers' periodic bills, (ii) sent annually to customers in reports, and (iii) made accessible to customers on the Internet.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available; see Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Such programs, some already approved by natural gas IOUs as part of conservation and ratemaking efficiency plans (pursuant to § 56-600 of the Code of Virginia), may have a small to modest impact on rates paid by respective utility customers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: The State Corporation Commission is currently charged with implementing statewide electric energy consumer education program regarding conservation, efficiency, demand management, demand response, and renewable energy per § 56-592.1 of the Code of Virginia. If passed, any equivalent IOU program should coordinate and/or complement the Commission's effort.

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