

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB946

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Establish the Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment.

5. Summary: Establishes the Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment as a legislative commission to review and recommend steps to implement the Virginia Energy Plan. The Commission is charged, among other things, with the power and duty to (i) undertake studies and gather information and data; (ii) make recommendations as may be necessary to accomplish its purposes as set forth in the legislation; (iii) make special studies of and reports on measures to secure Virginia's energy future; (iv) establish advisory committees composed of persons with special expertise not represented by individuals serving on the Commission; (v) seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations to enable the Commission to carry out its objectives; (vi) review and make recommendations on legislation affecting energy policy to the General Assembly; and (vii) report annually on its activities during the preceding year to the Governor and the General Assembly. Staffing is to be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. The bill does not set a sunset date for the new commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	\$17,280	0	General
2020	\$17,280	0	General
2021	\$17,280	0	General
2022	\$17,280	0	General
2023	\$17,280	0	General
2024	\$17,280	0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill centers around the costs associated with meetings and staff support. The Senate of Virginia anticipates their portion of meeting and staffing costs each year will be approximately \$6,780, while the House of Delegates costs are approximately \$10,500. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy anticipates their

staffing support costs to be minimal, such that they can be absorbed within their existing budget. These costs are based on an assumed four meetings of the Commission, the maximum number of meetings allowed by the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Division of Legislative Services; The House of Delegates; The Senate of Virginia; The Virginia Board of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.