

State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB710

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

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee:

4. Title: Distributed renewable energy.

5. Summary: Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) increases from one percent to 6 percent the systemwide cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes of investor-owned utilities, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multifamily residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a renewable energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to three megawatts, and (vii) removes the ability of a Phase I utility to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of renewable energy.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This Substitute (S1) was reconsidered and rejected on 2/11/20. A second floor substitute (S2) was taken up and passed on 2/11/20.

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