

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB120

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

2. Patron: Hackworth

3. Committee: Passed the Senate

4. Title: Public utilities; waste coal and certain coal-fired electric generating units.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Energy (Energy), in cooperation with the public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth, to identify the approximate volume and number of waste coal piles present in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth and options for cleaning up such waste coal piles. Requires that Energy report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by December 1, 2022. Further requires that Energy, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)'s Transportation Research Council, in cooperation with the engineering schools of the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, convene a working group to evaluate the opportunities to use coal ash for construction purposes for public infrastructure projects in the Commonwealth. The working group is required to report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Transportation, the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Transportation by December 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth include Radford University, University of Virginia's College at Wise, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Impact estimates from these institutions, and from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy are not available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Energy; public institutions of higher education serving the coalfield region of the Commonwealth; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.