

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

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In accordance with the provisions of 30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of legislation impacting local governments.

HB 1944: Solar photovoltaic projects; extension of land use approvals, extends sunset provision.(Patron: Delegate M. Keith Hodges)

Bill Summary: Extension of land use approvals for solar photovoltaic projects. Extends to July 1, 2026, the sunset date for various local land use approvals for solar photovoltaic projects that were valid and outstanding as of July 1, 2023.

Local Fiscal Impact: **Net Additional Expenditure:** X **Net Reduction of Revenues:**

Summary Analysis:

Number of Localities Responding: 7 Cities, 5 Counties, 4 Towns, 1 Other

Localities estimated no fiscal impact over the biennium. One locality mentioned that the bill may result in the delay of potential future revenue from permitting for construction, roll back taxes and increased real estate revenues, but the amount of potential lost future revenue was indeterminate.

As introduced, this bill is identical to SB 1390 (Lewis).

Net Increase in Expenditures: Itemized Estimates by Responding Localities									
Locality	Juris	Recurring Expense- Personnel		Recurring Expense - Operating		Recurring Expense - Capital		Recurring Expense - Other	
		FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24
City of Alexandria	City								
City of Chesapeake	City								
City of Danville	City								
City of Harrisonburg	City								
City of Manassas	City								
City of Norfolk	City								
City of Richmond	City								
City of Winchester	City								
Augusta County	County								
Mecklenburg County	County								
Prince George County	County								
Pulaski County	County								
Roanoke County	County								
Sussex County	County								
Northern Neck PDC	Other								
Town of Leesburg	Town								
Town of Luray	Town								
Town of Marion	Town								

Net Increase in Expenditures: Itemized Estimates by Responding Localities								
Locality	Nonrecurring Expense - Operating		Nonrecurring Expense - Capital		Nonrecurring Expense - Other		Penny Value of Increase on Real Estate Rate*	Total Increase in Expenses (Biennium Total)
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24		
City of Alexandria								
City of Chesapeake								
City of Danville								
City of Harrisonburg								
City of Manassas								
City of Norfolk								
City of Richmond								
City of Winchester								
Augusta County								
Mecklenburg County								
Prince George County								
Pulaski County								
Roanoke County								
Sussex County								
Northern Neck PDC								
Town of Leesburg								
Town of Luray								
Town of Marion								

Locality	Expenditure Narrative by Responding Localities
City of Alexandria	
City of Chesapeake	Extends the approvals of already approved projects. No anticipated fiscal impact.
City of Danville	No impact estimated
City of Harrisonburg	
City of Manassas	
City of Norfolk	To the best of our knowledge, we do not anticipate this legislation will have a direct fiscal impact.
City of Richmond	
Augusta County	We do have several approved Special Use Permits for small scale solar. Not a significant fiscal impact if approvals are extended.
Mecklenburg County	
Prince George County	There is no anticipated revenue impact for FY23 or FY24 from this extension. This does result in the delay of potential revenue (permitting for construction; roll back taxes; increased real estate revenues); amount undeterminable.
Rappahannock County	
Roanoke County	No impact we are aware of at the moment.
Northern Neck PDC	Please refer to county governments for potential fiscal impact.
Town of Blacksburg	No fiscal impact on town revenues.
Town of Leesburg	N/A
Town of Luray	
Town of Marion	

* Penny value is defined as the amount a locality would need to raise their real estate tax rate to cover the fiscal impacts of the bill, assuming no other changes to revenues or expenditures. It is represented in terms of dollars (e.g., 0.01 is a one cent increase in the real estate tax rate, etc.).