

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB576

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

2. Patron: Glass

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Board for Contractors; required regulations and disclosures.

5. Summary: Requires the Board for Contractors to adopt regulations requiring (i) all Class A, B, and C residential contractors to use legible written contracts. Under current law, the Board is authorized but not required to promulgate such regulations. The bill also directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to review its licensing exam for alternative energy system contracting to ensure such exam includes questions related to the physical installation of alternative energy systems on preexisting structures. The bill further requires the Board to create a disclosure form to be provided in any transaction involving a residential rooftop solar installation to include specific disclosures regarding the risks associated with residential rooftop solar installation and amend its regulations to require that such disclosure form be provided to consumers. Finally, the bill directs the State Corporation Commission to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to develop recommendations for any additional consumer protections regarding the sale, lease, or installation of a solar energy facility with a generating capacity of 25 kilowatts or less and report its findings to the appropriate General Assembly committee chairs by November 30, 2024. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact this bill may have on the Department of Professional and Occupation Regulation (DPOR) can be absorbed within existing resources.

The State Corporation Commission anticipates that facilitating the workgroup and producing the associated reports will cost \$70,000, which can be absorbed within existing resources. It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from participation in the workgroup can be absorbed by the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and DPOR.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupation Regulation, State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None