

State Corporation Commission 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB746

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

2. Patron: Webert

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Energy efficiency programs; incremental annual savings.

5. Summary: Provides that for the 2029 program year and all subsequent years, "in the public interest" for the purpose of assessing energy efficiency programs means that the Commission determines that the program is cost-effective. The bill directs the Commission to promulgate regulations no later than September 30, 2025, establishing a single, consistent cost-effectiveness test for use in evaluating proposed energy efficiency programs.

The bill requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power Company to track, quantify, and report to the Commission the incremental annual savings, as defined in the bill, achieved by such utility's energy efficiency programs.

The bill amends 56-596 directing the Commission to retain a third-party evaluator to conduct a demand-side management potential study in order to set the 2029 – 2031 goals, and to update the energy efficiency potential study every subsequent three-year period.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal Impact Estimate is Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill directs the State Corporation Commission to retain a qualified expert to perform a demand-side management potential study. The estimated cost for the consultant is \$100,000 in FY 2027 which is anticipated to be absorbed within the Commission's appropriation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.