

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB580

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Passed the Senate.

4. Title: Department of Environmental Quality; review and authorization of projects; hearing and appeal.

5. Summary: Allows any person aggrieved by the final decision of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the authorization of a permit to construct or operate a small renewable energy project under procedures adopted by DEQ to seek judicial review by filing in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond within 30 days of such decision. The bill requires the court to hear and decide such action as soon as practicable after the date of filing. Any conflicting provisions of the Administrative Process Act are superseded by the requirements of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on DEQ as a result of this bill is indeterminate and can be absorbed within existing resources. Any impact to the Office of the Attorney General or the Courts is indeterminate, as it is not possible to estimate the number of cases that may require judicial review.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; Office of the Attorney General; Courts; Circuit Court of the City of Richmond.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.