

## **SUPPORT SB488**

Virginia Zero-Emission Transit Transition Fund and Program  
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### **Reasons to Support SB488**

- Transitioning our public transit systems to zero-emission technology presents significant opportunities for the Commonwealth, including reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful pollutants as well as encouraging manufacturing of zero-emission technologies in Virginia.
- SB488 creates a fund and grant program that will help ensure Virginia's transit agencies are able to capture these benefits and prepare for a zero-emission future by providing assistance for transition planning studies, workforce training, and charging infrastructure needs assessments.

### **Overview**

Transportation is the number one source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth. Although greater use of public transit instead of personal vehicles can help reduce this pollution, transit buses in Virginia nevertheless burned over 12 million gallons of fuel in 2019, releasing over 106,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Rapid improvements in zero-emission transportation technology present significant opportunities to accelerate Virginia's transition to zero-emission transit fleets and to capture the many benefits this transition would provide—including reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful pollutants and supporting economic growth by encouraging manufacturing of these new technologies in Virginia.

SB488 creates a Transit Transition Fund and Program that will aid this transition by providing grants to help prepare our transit agencies for this new technology, including funding for transition planning studies, workforce training programs, and assessments of charging infrastructure needs to support the incorporation of zero-emission buses into our fleets.



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