

SUPPORT HB 1010

Topic: Data center / Land Use

Bill Patron: Ian Lovejoy

OVERVIEW:

Similar to HB 338/SB284, this bill provides a buffer around certain locations from data center development. This bill provides a ¼ mile buffer around parks, schools, and homes from data center construction.

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- The proliferation of data centers in Virginia has spread from traditional industrial zones to numerous areas directly adjacent to national parks, state parks, as well as directly adjacent to neighborhoods and schools.
- Data centers are a heavy industrial use, with massive amounts of backup diesel generators and 24/7 noise emitting from their facilities, which is inherently incompatible with parks, and near homes and schools.
- This bill seeks to provide a small buffer of 1/4 mile from Virginia's most treasured places like national and state parks, as well as schools and neighborhoods, and the heavy industrial development of data centers, still allowing for ample data center development in Virginia.



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