

Support HB 106; SB 253 (substitute amendment)



Topic: Shared solar programs; amends existing program provisions to apply to Dominion

Bill Patron: Del. Sullivan, Sen. Surovell

Overview:

- Limits the minimum bill to the administrative costs of the program, non-bypassable charges, and the basic customer charge.
- Expands Dominion's shared solar program from 200 MW to 750 MW. 450 MW are for low-income shared solar facilities and 250 MW are for shared solar facilities that serve no more than 51 percent low-income customers. The bill does not specify whether the last 50 MW of capacity are low-income or not.
- Limits project size to 5 MW.
- Incentivizes projects on rooftops, brownfields, landfills, and dual-use agricultural facilities.
- Contains robust consumer protection measures.

Reasons to support:

- The Dunsky Report shows that even after reducing the minimum bill by 80% from current levels, our utilities would still reap net benefits of \$15 million over the 2024-2026 period and \$365 million over the 2024-2050 period.
- Roughly half of the population can't do residential solar due to lack of ownership, excessive shade, insufficient roof space, etc. Shared solar makes our energy transition more equitable by increasing the number of Virginians who can access solar.
- These small projects will help reduce the amount of utility scale solar needed to comply with the VCEA, which reduces impacts to our farms and forests.
- These projects are ideal vehicles to leverage billions in federal incentives established by the Inflation Reduction Act, including the "low-income communities" and "energy communities" bonuses.

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