

# Support HB 108; SB 255 (substitute amendment)



## Topic: Shared solar programs; SCC to establish by regulation, etc.

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### Overview:

- Expands the shared solar program to customers in Appalachian Power Company's territory and establishes a program of roughly 150 MW or 6% of peak load, whichever is less.
- Directs the State Corporation Commission to establish a minimum bill for the program that includes only the administrative charge, non-bypassable charges, and the basic customer charge.
- Limits project size to 5 MW and sets aside 30% of the program's capacity to low-income qualified customers. 50 MW of program capacity must be facilities that serve no more than 51 percent low-income customers.
- 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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