

SUPPORT SB284

Topic: Data Centers/Land Use

Bill Patron: Danica Roem

OVERVIEW:

This bill, similar to HB 337, would prohibit the construction of a data center within one mile of a national park, state park, or historically significant site.

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, and other historic resources.
- Data centers are a heavy industrial use, which is inherently incompatible with parks and historic resources, which are often set aside for people to escape the industrial feeling of urban areas for a secluded and peaceful interaction with the natural world.
- This bill provides a reasonable buffer of one mile from Virginia's most treasured places and the heavy industrial development of data centers, still allowing for ample data center development in Virginia while protecting what we have collectively agreed are our most precious areas.



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