

# SUPPORT SB285

Topic: Data Centers Siting

Bill Patron: Senator Danica Roem

## OVERVIEW:

This bill would require the full disclosure of water and power usage of a data center prior to being approved by a locality, and it would require a site assessment to examine the effect of the data center on water usage, the regional electric grid, and carbon emissions.

## Reasons to support:

- Data centers now consume more than 22% of all energy generated by Dominion Energy, and they consume an unknown, yet likely large, amount of water.
- Dozens of data center applications are currently pending before localities, with numerous outstanding questions about how these proposals would impact the regional electric grid, the state's climate goals, our regional water supplies, and more.
- This bill would ensure that these important pieces of information are public knowledge, both for decision makers and the general public, before these projects are approved by local decision makers.



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