

SUPPORT HB 1883 and SB 1040

Topic: Distributed Generation Expansion Act

Bill Patron: Delegate Callsen and Senator VanValkenburg

OVERVIEW:

- Increases the size of a distributed resource from 1 MW to 3 MW.
- Gradually increases the size of the distributed carve-out from 1% to 8% by 2030.
- Allows more third party development of distributed resources.
- Increases carve-out for projects on “previously disturbed project sites” from 200 MW to 1,000 MW. “Previously disturbed project sites” include places like commercial and industrial developments, brownfields, parking lots, landfills, and quarries.
- Eliminates the 50-kW threshold for the power purchase agreement (“PPA”) pilot program.
- Provides a three-year extension of the Strategic Undergrounding Program (“SUP”)

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- The increase to the two carve-outs above helps avoid impacts to important natural resources by shifting **over 15,000 acres** worth of solar development to rooftops and previously disturbed project sites.
- Smaller, distributed resources do not face interconnection delays and can be brought online more quickly.
- More third party distributed solar means lower costs and lower risks associated with these projects.
- Eliminating the 50-kW threshold for PPAs would allow all Virginians and all small businesses to access this path to solar.
- Extending the SUP will provide resilience benefits to some of the worst performing parts of Virginia’s grid.



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