

Oppose SB1160 / HB2552

Bill Patrons: Senator Obenshain, Delegate Bloxom

Overview: removes large sections of the VCEA that ensure Virginia achieves zero emissions by 2050, develops clean energy, and retires fossil fuel plants.

Reasons to oppose

- This bill would pull out most of the key provisions of the Virginia Clean Economy Act, rescinding our status as a national leader on climate and abandoning our responsibility to safeguard a functional planet for future generations. Specifically, the bill:
 - Repeals key provisions of the VCEA that ensures Virginia achieves zero emissions by 2050, the date by which climate scientists report global greenhouse gas emissions must reach zero to avert the worst impacts of climate change.
 - Replaces those provisions with an “emissions intensity program” that does not ensure emissions reductions are achieved on a timely basis or reach zero emissions by mid-century.
 - Repeals provisions of the VCEA that promote the development of solar and offshore wind.
 - Repeals the fossil fuel retirement schedule.