

# SUPPORT HB 395 / SB 250, HB289, HB779, HB928

**Topic:** plug-in solar photovoltaic systems

**Bill Patron:** Delegate Krizek / Senator Surovell, Delegate Anderson, Delegate Oates, Delegate Lopez

## OVERVIEW:

- Removes unnecessary interconnection agreement requirements for small, portable solar photovoltaic systems, otherwise called “balcony” or “plug-in” solar systems.
- Caps usage per residential dwelling unit to 1200 Watts, equivalent to three panels.
- Requires systems to meet national safety standards.

## REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Renters, as well as many middle and low-income Virginians – or anyone with an unsuitable roof – are not able to take advantage of cost savings associated with full-fledged rooftop solar systems.
- Plug-in solar systems allow users to simply plug in a small number of panels into a standard outlet and place said panels on balconies, backyards, or along buildings.
- These systems, while falling short of powering a home, moderately reduce users’ energy consumption from the grid, saving families money and reducing strain on Virginia’s overburdened electricity system.



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