

SUPPORT HB 884

Topic: Electric utilities; Percentage of Income Payment Program, eligibility

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OVERVIEW:

- Changes threshold for qualifying under PIPP to **400% of the federal poverty guidelines**
- **Removes cost cap** for Dominion and APCo after 2026
- Directs DSS to update rules and guidelines with DHCD to implement these changed eligibility requirements

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- **What is PIPP?**
 - PIPP is the Percentage of Income Payment Program. It limits qualifying low-income customer bills to 10% or 6% of annual income, depending on the customer's source of heat
 - PIPP was created in 2020 as part of the VCEA and provides substantial benefits to participating customers
- Since its inception, PIPP has been significantly underutilized. These changes to eligibility should simplify the process and make it easier for Virginians to access these benefits.



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