

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB625

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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Low-to-Moderate Income Solar Fund and Program; financial incentives.

5. Summary: Provides that the purpose of the Low-to-Moderate Solar Loan and Rebate Fund and the Low-to-Moderate Solar Loan and Rebate Pilot Program is to provide financial incentives, which may include grants, loans, rebates, and other inducements, to electric customers who complete solar installations and energy efficiency projects and renames the Fund and Program to reflect such purpose. Under current law, the Fund and Program may only offer loans and rebates to customers who complete either solar installations or energy efficiency projects. The bill reassigns the duty to accept and review applications to the Program for such financial incentives from the Clean Energy Advisory Board to the Director of Energy. The bill updates references to the Maryland-DC-Delaware-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association with the association's new name, the Chesapeake Energy Storage and Solar Association.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8, below.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: HB30/SB30, as introduced includes \$30.0 million from the general fund for deposit to the Low-to-Moderate Income Solar Loan and Rebate Fund. Budget language provides for the use of these funds for the purposes of extending loans or paying rebates to electric customers with complete solar installations and energy efficient improvements. This language may need to be amendment to comport with the provisions of this bill.

It is anticipated that any fiscal impact to the Department of Energy can be absorbed within existing resources; and it is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the State Corporation Commission or the Department of Environmental Quality.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Energy; State Corporation Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.