

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB122

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Sullivan

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Department of Environmental Quality; review and authorization of projects; hearing and appeal.

5. **Summary:** Allows any person aggrieved by the final decision of the Department of Environmental Quality and who has participated in a proceeding for a permit to construct or operate a small renewable energy project under procedures adopted by the Department to seek judicial review of such action in accordance with the Administrative Process Act in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. The bill requires the court to hear and decide such action as soon as practicable after the date of filing. The bill provides that a party in interest to such action will have the right to appeal to the Supreme Court.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Any impact to the Office of the Attorney General or the Supreme Court of Virginia is indeterminate, as it is not possible to estimate the number of cases that may require judicial review. The State Corporation Commission anticipates no impact as a result of this bill.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; State Corporation Commission; Office of the Attorney General; Supreme Court of Virginia; Courts; Circuit Court of the City of Richmond.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.