2022 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 2)

Department of Energy

Item 121

	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Resource Management Research, Planning, and Coordination (50700)	**$4,565,826**	**$4,315,826**
Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Supply Programs (50705)	$4,565,826	$4,315,826
Fund Sources:		
General	$2,367,485	$2,117,485
Special	$107,932	$107,932
Federal Trust	$2,090,409	$2,090,409

Authority: Title 45.1, Chapter 26, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, $38,362 the first year and $38,362 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for dues and expenses for the Southern States Energy Board.

B. To defray the costs of implementing the Virginia Energy Management Program, the Department of Energy is authorized to have included in state fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, and similar energy contracts a provision for suppliers to collect from using agencies and remit to the department an administrative surcharge. The surcharge shall reflect the department's actual costs to administer the program. Additionally, the department is authorized, consistent with federal funding rules, to distribute energy-related federal funds as grants or as loans to other state or nonstate agencies for use in financing energy-related projects, and to recover from the recipient an administrative service charge to recover the department's costs of administering such grant or loan programs.

C. Out of this appropriation, $137,000 the first year and $137,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support one position within the Division of Energy to assist localities with siting, procurement, land use concerns, and other solar energy-related issues.

D. Out of this appropriation, $387,500 the first year and $387,500 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Office of Offshore Wind to coordinate state agency activities to develop and execute strategies that reduce barriers for deployment of offshore wind and attract offshore wind supply chain businesses for Virginia's benefit, promote Virginia's infrastructure and workforce development assets, work with public and private sector partners to make Virginia a regional hub for offshore wind, and to provide staff support for the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority.

E. Out of this appropriation, $250,000 the first year from the general fund is authorized for geotechnical and related consulting support that may be required to identify the approximate volume and number of waste coal piles present in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth and for the evaluation of opportunities to use coal combustion residuals for construction purposes in public infrastructure projects in the Commonwealth.