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Department of Energy

Item 109

	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Resource Management Research, Planning, and Coordination (50700)	**$4,931,922**	**$4,931,922**
Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Supply Programs (50705)	$4,931,922	$4,931,922
Fund Sources:		
General	$2,638,802	$2,638,802
Special	$114,242	$114,242
Federal Trust	$2,178,878	$2,178,878

Authority: Title 45.2, Chapters 17 through 21, 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 and $250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to expand capacity at the department to focus on solar and energy efficiency projects. This funding shall support the following activities: (i) securing and maximizing federal grants; (ii) building relationships with federal agencies; and (iii) supporting economic development of renewable energy industries and their relevant supply chains.