



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 7
SPONSOR: Senator Hansen
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy, State Energy Office, to do the following:
 - a. Develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive State Energy Plan;
 - b. Provide technical and administrative support to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council;
 - c. Serve as a liaison between State and federal agencies on energy matters;
 - d. Monitor and promote the buildout of a statewide energy grid;
 - e. Conduct analysis of generating resource adequacy;
 - f. Participate in offshore wind transmission planning;
 - g. Conduct analysis, study policy options, and make recommendations;
 - h. Provide public information and convene stakeholder meetings.
3. This Act expands upon the duties of the State Energy Office. DNREC, Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy, State Energy Office anticipates a need for additional personnel to implement the provisions of this Act.
 - a. Addition of 7.0 FTE positions to the Division of Climate Coastal and Energy, State Energy Office.
 - i. Recurring Costs - \$596,372
 1. \$596,372 in Personnel costs, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 31.93%, for 2.0 FTE, Planner II, 3.0 FTE, Planner III, 1.0 FTE, Paralegal III, and 1.0 FTE, Fiscal Management Analyst.
 2. \$15,200 for supplies and travel.
 - ii. One-Time Costs - \$1,021,000
 1. \$1,000,000 for a consultant for Grid Modeling.
 2. \$21,000 for furniture and technology start-up costs for the new positions.
4. Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs are estimated at nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs.

Cost:

	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$462,478	\$1,021,000
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$623,498	
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$635,664	

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