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# Clean energy; financing programs, development of underwriting guidelines. (HB1446)

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## Progress

| ✓ | Introduced |
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| ✓ | Passed Committee |
| ✓ | Passed House |
| ✓ | Passed Senate |
| ✓ | Signed by Governor |
| ☐ | Became Law |

## Description

**Financing of clean energy programs; development of underwriting guidelines.** Expands the requirements of a local ordinance authorizing contracts to provide loans for clean energy improvements. The bill adds water efficiency improvements to the list of improvements for which loans may be offered; allows a locality to contract with a third party to administer the loan program; and requires a locality to identify any administrative fee it intends to impose on participants and sets parameters for the imposition of that fee. The bill also details the priority, enforceability, and other characteristics of the lien, now called a voluntary special assessment lien, that a locality is permitted to place against the property where the clean energy systems are installed. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) to develop underwriting guidelines for local loans made to finance clean energy improvements. The bill requires DMME to finalize the guidelines by December 1, 2015, incorporating input from certain groups representing real estate, energy efficiency, banking, and other interests or industries and evaluating certain specific criteria. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

## Outcome

Bill Has Passed

## History

| Date | Action |
| --- | --- |
| 12/30/2014 | Committee |
| 12/30/2014 | Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/14/15 15101999D |
| 12/30/2014 | Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns |
| 01/15/2015 | Impact statement from DPB (HB1446) |
| 01/16/2015 | Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #1 |
| 01/16/2015 | Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #2 |
| 02/04/2015 | Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (10-Y 0-N) |
| 02/06/2015 | Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (21-Y 1-N) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/h07v0026/)) |
| 02/06/2015 | Committee substitute printed 15104819D-H1 |
| 02/07/2015 | Read first time |
| 02/09/2015 | Impact statement from DPB (HB1446H1) |
| 02/09/2015 | Read second time |
| 02/09/2015 | Committee substitute agreed to 15104819D-H1 |
| 02/09/2015 | Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB1446H1 |
| 02/10/2015 | Read third time and passed House (95-Y 4-N 1-A) |
| 02/10/2015 | VOTE: PASSAGE (95-Y 4-N 1-A) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/hv2134/)) |
| 02/11/2015 | Constitutional reading dispensed |
| 02/11/2015 | Referred to Committee on Local Government |
| 02/17/2015 | Reported from Local Government (10-Y 0-N) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/s07v0051/)) |
| 02/19/2015 | Passed by for the day (0-Y 0-N) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/sv0639/)) |
| 02/19/2015 | Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/sv0638/)) |
| 02/20/2015 | Read third time |
| 02/20/2015 | Passed Senate (37-Y 1-N) ([see vote tally](http://docs.google.com/bill/2015/hb1446/sv0672/)) |
| 02/25/2015 | Enrolled |
| 02/25/2015 | Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1446ER) |
| 02/25/2015 | Impact statement from DPB (HB1446ER) |
| 02/25/2015 | Signed by Speaker |
| 02/26/2015 | G Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, Monday, March 30, 2015 |
| 02/26/2015 | Signed by President |
| 02/26/2015 | Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on 2/26/15 |
| 02/26/2015 | G Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, Sunday, March 29, 2015 |
| 03/23/2015 | G Approved by Governor-Chapter 389 (effective 7/1/15) |
| 03/23/2015 | G Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0389) |

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