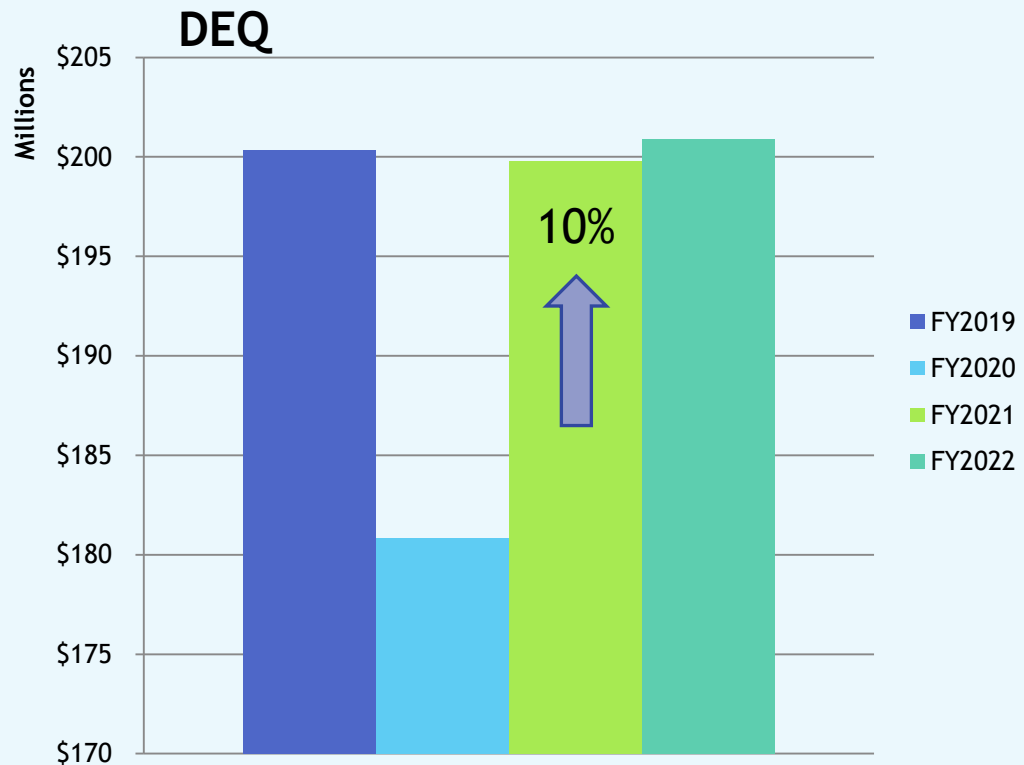
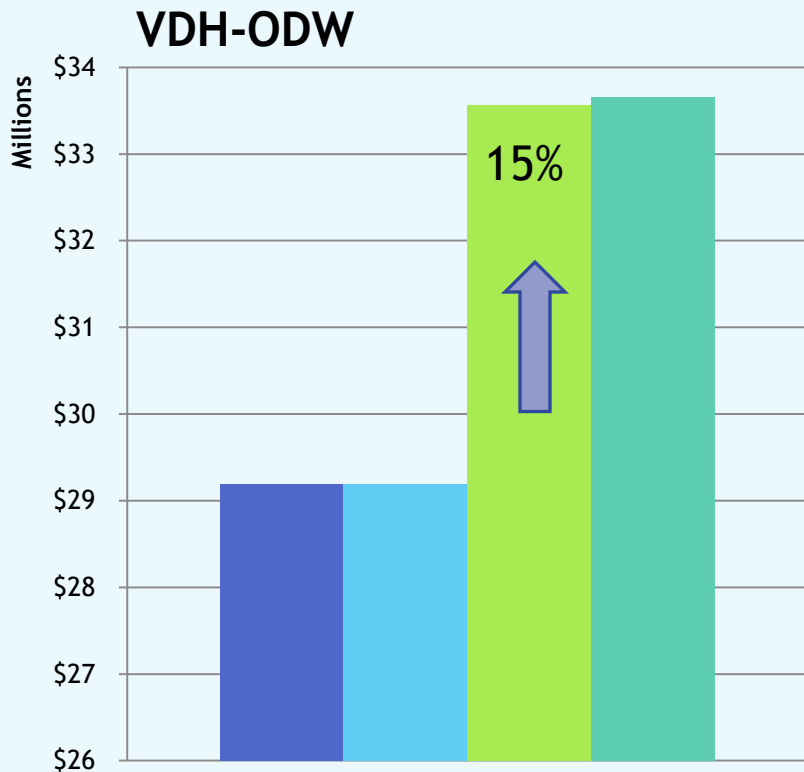


# **2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

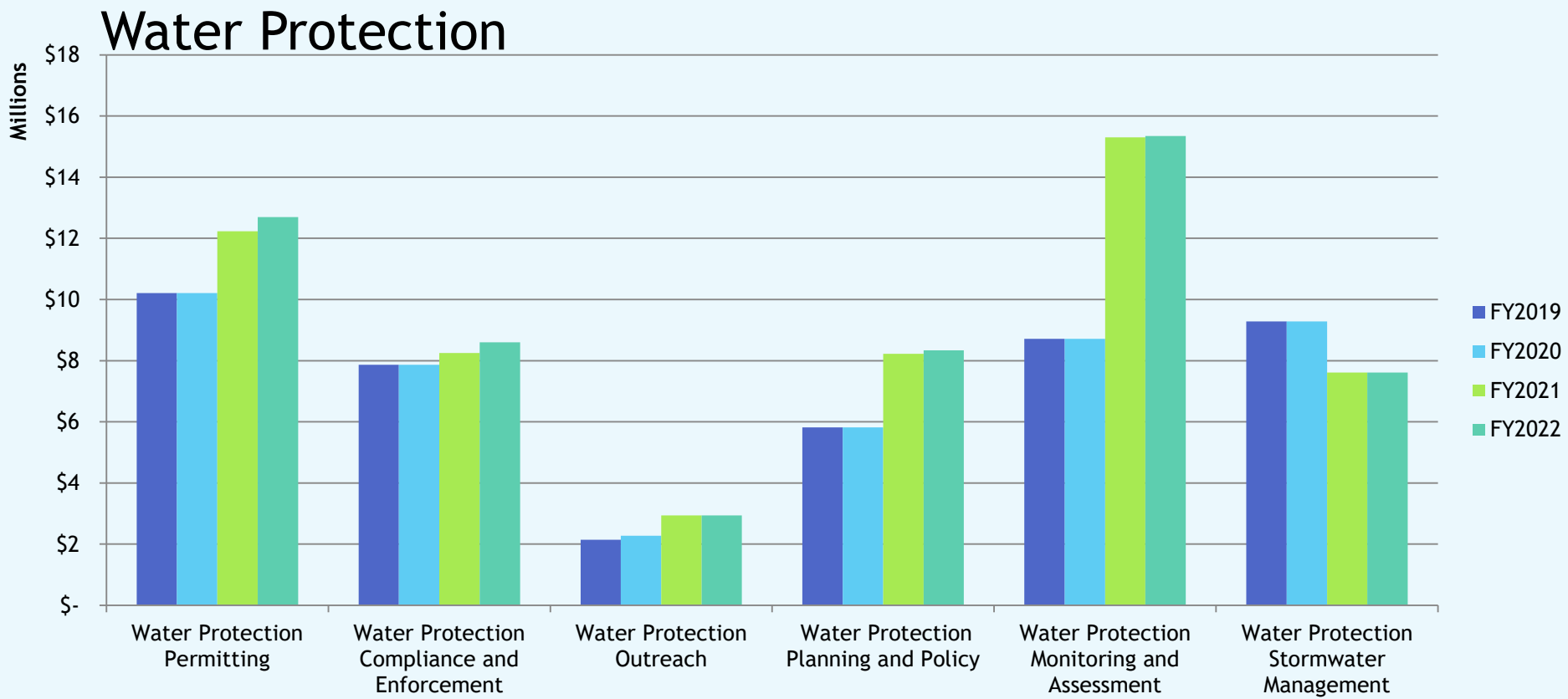
# Budget proposal

- DEQ gets an additional ~\$19 million
- VDH gets an additional ~\$5 million



### Funding specified for:

- Increasing operational capacity to carry out water permitting activities (\$822,000/1,644,000)
- Fill 15 vacancies for water monitoring and compliance activities (\$5,759,152)
- Create 15 positions to support regulatory activities (\$2,327,500)
- Fill 9 vacancies to reduce backlogs in water program activities (\$1,839,500)



**SB10: Prohibits hydraulic fracking in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area**

**HB706: Prohibit offshore drilling for oil/natural gas within 50 miles of Atlantic coast**



## **HB797+HB799 - Lead Testing Program**

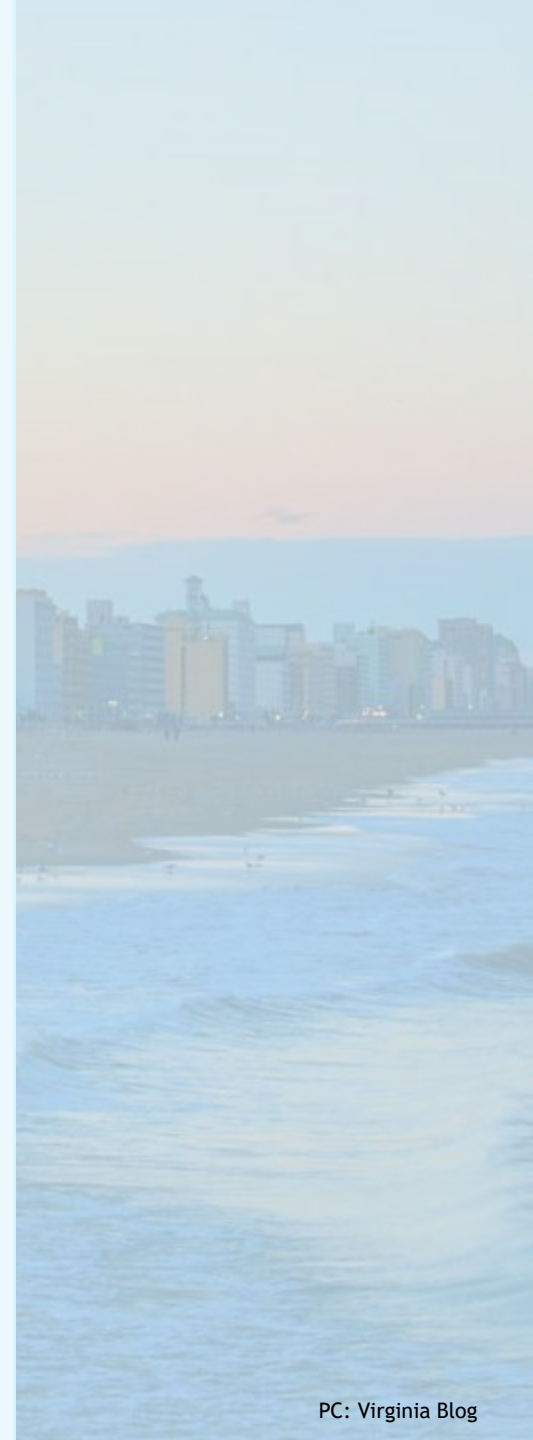
- Directs license child care facilities and local school boards to submit a testing plan and results for lead to VDH-ODW
- The local school board is responsible for notifying the parents if the test exceeds the MCL

## **HB586 - Study of the occurrence of PFOA**

- Development of workgroup to study the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, and PFAS in Virginia's public drinking water and to develop recommendations for MCL's

## **HJ92 - VDH-ODW; infrastructure study**

- Requests ODW to study drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water program



## HB1162, 1164: DEQ policy statements

- One purpose of DEQ is Environmental Justice
- Adds provision for addressing climate change

## HB1192, 1136, SB 1136: Regulating hazardous waste

- Develop regulations for Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tanks (not containing oil)
- Study impacts of developing large landfills on water quality
- Publish and annually update Virginia Nonfederally Managed Hazardous waste Site Inventory



# HB24: Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2020

- This Act would designate Virginia as the nonfederal sponsor (previously done in Louisiana and Texas)
- Proposal:
  - JLARC would consult with to assess pre/post Katrina spending and their cooperation with USACE (due Nov 1, 2020)
  - Priorities: **Flooding and Storm risk reduction projects** including:
    - Transportation systems improvements
    - **Utilities relocation/improvements**
    - **Environmental planning**
  - Focus on regional projects

## HB998: Flood Plain Ordinances

- Localities may regulate the activity on, use of, or development of a floodplain

## HJ77, SB361, SJ38: Coastal Flooding

- Continues the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding
- Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to study the consequences of weather/climate-related events on coastal area in Virginia



## HB77: Green New Deal Act

- Clean Energy Mandates
- By 2036 - Virginia will be 100% clean energy
- Moratorium on Fossil Fuel Projects, including building new pipelines for the transport of fossil fuel resources
- By 2035, buildings within Virginia will decrease energy consumption by 36%
  - There will be grants to help with this

## HB94: Virginia Energy Plan

- By 2050 all sectors will have a net zero energy economy

## HB110: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

- Virginia should be part of the RGGI or another CO<sub>2</sub> cap/trade program with an open auction of allowances.





## HB140: Public Employment

- Prohibits state agencies and localities from including a question on applications on whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested for, charged with or convicted of any crime
- Unless the inquiry takes place during or after a staff interview with the prospective employee

## HB122: Project Labor Agreements

- Allows state and local government to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on public works projects when procuring products.

## HB69 - Credit Unions

- Authorizes localities to hold public deposits in a credit union

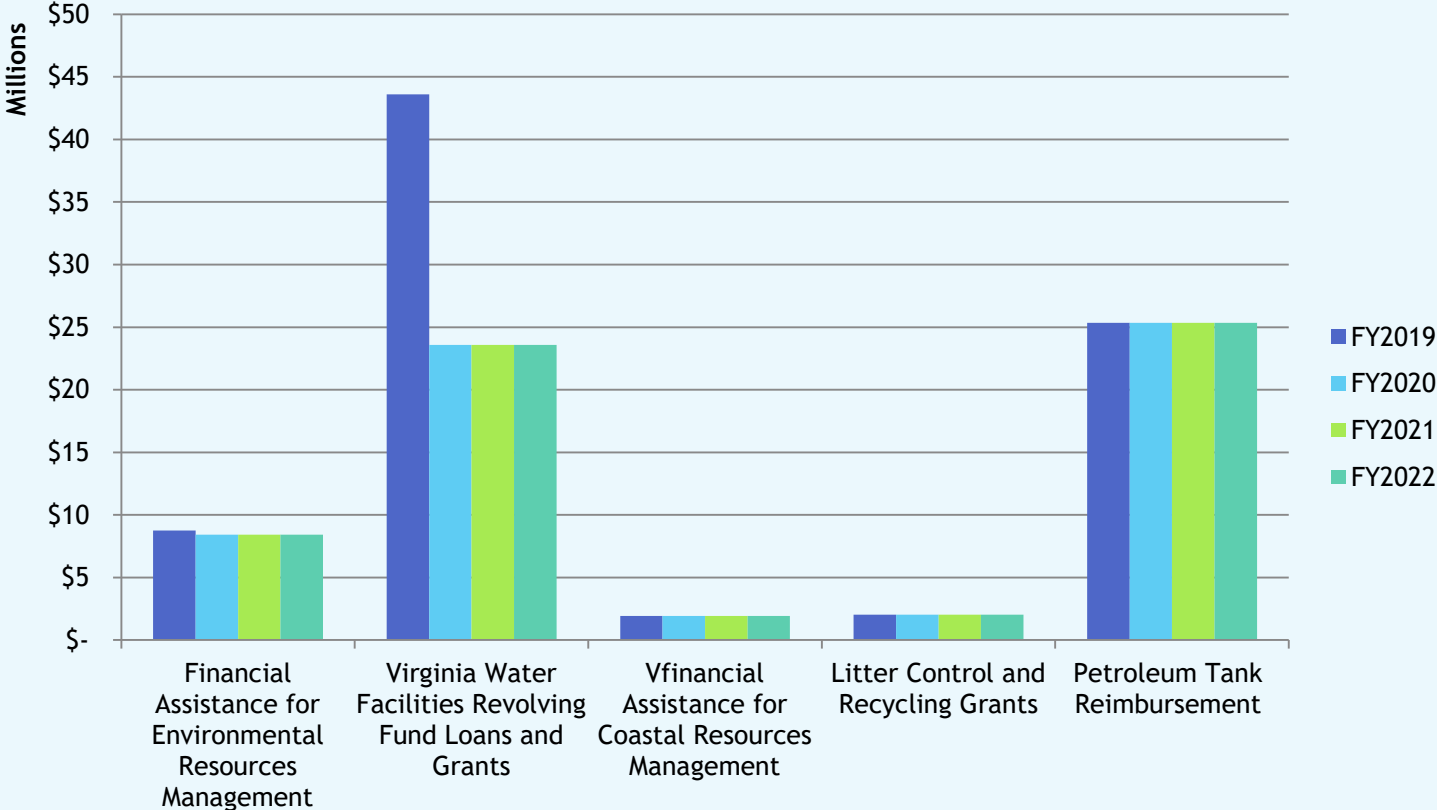
## Hb129 - Public Service Companies

- Increase max allowable special regulatory taxes imposed by State Corporation Commission from 0.2% to 0.26%



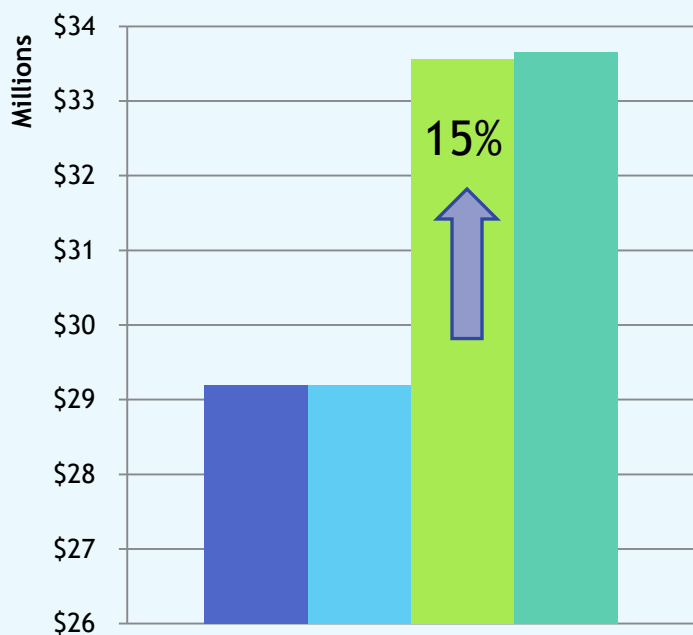
**QUESTIONS?**

# DEQ Environmental Financial Assistance Budget does not change



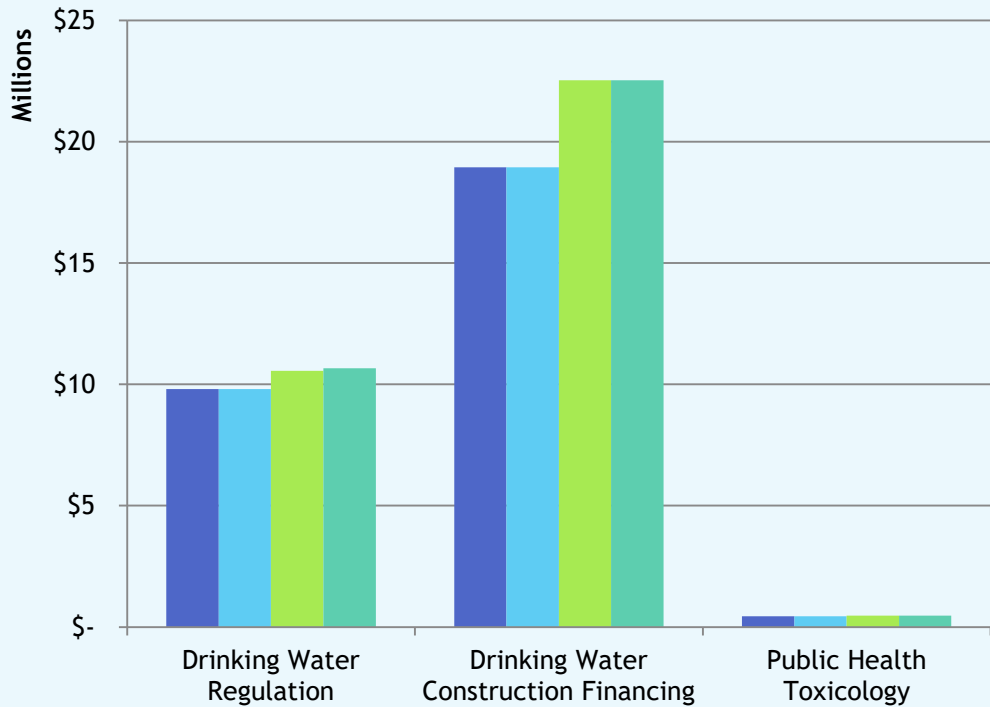
# EO-6 work

- Expand drought monitoring beyond the 20-well system
- Funding to **maintain/replace groundwater monitoring wells**
- **Expand groundwater monitoring** to measure saltwater intrusion
- Increase capacity to **measure land subsidence** (i.e. money for extensometers)
- Initiating **surface water management area** (including middle/lower James Rivers)
- **Expand water quality monitoring program** to address emerging pollutants (PFAS)
- Expand capabilities to test/analyze samples from HABs
- Update hazardous waste regulations to require better documentation by hazardous waste generators
- Amend the Code of Virginia to provide enforcement authority and penalties for non reporting of surface water withdrawals
- Restructure the water withdrawal permit fee program
- **Improve DEQ's website**



**VDH Drinking Water Improvement Fund has ~\$5million increase**

**Fee cap remains at \$3.00**



- FY2019
- FY2020
- FY2021
- FY2022