Support use of state port facilities for the offshore wind industry

$40M proposed to ready Portsmouth Marine Terminal to anchor offshore wind supply chain in Hampton Roads
Governor Northam prioritizes creation of Office of Offshore Wind

Support funding for Virginia Office of Offshore Wind.

January 30, 2019

The Honorable Members of the Senate of Virginia of the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia Regions
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The Honorable Members of the Virginia House of Delegates of the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia Regions
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RE: Offshore Wind Development Support

Dear Honorable General Assembly Members of Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia:

We write to you in support of efforts to advance the development of offshore wind in Virginia. Specifically, we ask that you support Governor Northam’s budget proposal to create a Virginia Office for Offshore Wind within the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy to advance Virginia’s offshore wind interests. The office would serve as a point-of-contact for businesses, help align industry needs with Virginia’s maritime workforce capabilities, and develop a plan to achieve the Commonwealth’s offshore wind energy goals.

The proposal to create a Virginia Office for Offshore Wind is one of several recommendations from a report released by Governor Northam titled, “The Virginia Advantage: The Roadmap for the Offshore Wind Supply Chain in Virginia”. The “Roadmap” analyses Virginia’s strategic position in the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry and provides guidance for the development of an industrial supply chain to serve East Coast offshore wind projects.

Growth of an East Coast offshore wind industry holds tremendous economic development potential for the Commonwealth. Experts believe that the East Coast is one of the most promising areas for offshore wind development in the world. The “Roadmap” estimates that an East Coast pipeline of projects resulting in 8 gigawatts of installed capacity by 2030 would support up to 35,000 jobs per year.
Support a state renewable energy requirement

Legislation is pending establishing a Renewable Portfolio Standard
Northam sets state’s goal for renewable energy: 100% by 2050

By Sarah Rankin
Associated Press

To develop a plan by next summer for meeting the goal. It sets an intermediate more aggressive than the voluntary goal Virginia enacted in 2007 or what more electricity from renewables for state offices is doable through executive or- Power, said they were willing to work with the administration on the proposal. infrastructure projects currently under development were at odds with it.
Power for 650,000?
It could be a breeze.

Dominion wants to build nation's largest offshore wind farm near Virginia Beach

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Virginia's Offshore Wind Vision

Harness an emerging global industry to fuel economic growth

Build the first and largest offshore wind industry cluster in the U.S.

Leverage our assets to maximize benefit to the Commonwealth
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- Job Creation
- Reduced Emissions
- Low-Cost Renewable Energy