



## Oppose HB2001 (Helmer)

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**Bill Title:** HB2001 (Helmer) State and local buildings, certain; building standards.

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### Issue Brief

**HB2001** (Helmer) would require localities to design certain buildings and renovations with Virginia Energy Conservation and Environmental Standards to include charging stations and tracking of energy efficiency and carbon emissions.

The legislation would apply to new buildings in excess of 5,000 square feet or any building renovation that exceeds 50% of the value of the building.

There is an opt-out provision following a public hearing, a resolution and cost comparison of energy costs over 20 years versus construction without these requirements.

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### Concerns / Key Points

- Localities should be able to determine the standards for buildings in their jurisdictions.
- This is a state mandate with a local cost and some localities may not have the expertise to conduct the cost comparison.
- Building Code rules and regulations should go through the building code amendment process.

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### Action Requested

**VML** and the **Virginia Association of Counties (VACo)** urge local government officials and staff to contact the members of your local delegation and members of the General Laws Committee (listed in the sidebar) to oppose the bill.

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