152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 265**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hansen**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 17, 26, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE ENERGY SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2024.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act, known as the Delaware Energy Solutions Act of 2024 authorizes necessary processes to help meet the net zero goals of the Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023. The bill authorizes the following processes:
    a. Authorizes the State Energy Office to develop and conduct the solicitation or solicitations through a request for proposal process for single or multiple offshore wind contracts.
    b. Sets up the process for Public Service Commission ("Commission") to review and, if found to be in the public interest, approve a Preliminary Order allowing the solicitation to proceed. The Commission is also granted authority to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in connection with renewable energy interconnection facilities, such as the transmission lines from an offshore wind project or qualifying solar project to a nearby substation.
    c. Authorizes DelDOT to permit renewable energy interconnection facilities in State right of ways and sets up the process for DelDOT to issue permits and enter into use and occupancy agreements.
3. For each project that may proceed under this Act, the Commission estimates the need to retain the services of an economic consultant to evaluate the potential cost impact to Delaware consumers. The Commission has also indicated the need for consulting services to assist in engineering analysis of renewable energy interconnection facilities.
4. It is assumed that the costs incurred by the Commission will be funded through appropriated special funds (ASF) received through the Delaware Public Utility Regulatory Revolving Fund.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	$200,000 ASF
Fiscal Year 2026:	N/A
Fiscal Year 2027:	N/A

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