

## There's never enough money for the dims to throw to the four winds!

 BREAKING: VIRGINIA TAX HIKE ALERT — \$2.7B SURPLUS NOT ENOUGH? 

Virginia is facing a massive political showdown as newly elected Democrats, now holding a state trifecta, move to implement some of the most aggressive tax and spending changes in the Commonwealth's history. Despite a \$2.7 billion budget surplus, lawmakers have introduced dozens of new tax proposals that critics warn will crush affordability for average families.

The "Government Employee Housing" Bill  

In a move that has stunned many taxpayers, Democrats have introduced a bill to allow local governments to use your tax dollars to give direct housing grants—not loans—to local government employees.

Delegate Dan Helmer (D-Fairfax) argues these grants are essential for recruitment because government workers can no longer afford to live in the communities they serve.

Critics argue this creates a privileged class of "government homeowners" funded by neighbors who are already struggling with the state's rising cost of living.

The "Buffet of Taxes" for 2026  

Despite Governor Abigail Spanberger's campaign focus on affordability, the new legislative session has seen a flurry of tax hike proposals:

New bills would create a 7% to 10% top income tax bracket for high earners and a 3.8% "piggyback" tax on investment income.

Democrats are moving to expand the sales tax to nearly all services—including dry cleaning, repairs, and travel—effectively raising prices on everyday activities.

Governor Spanberger has already moved to re-insert Virginia into the RGGI cap-and-trade program, which critics call a \$500 million annual backdoor carbon tax that will hike utility bills by roughly \$1,100 per household.

Partisan Priorities Over Affordability?  

Republican leaders are slamming the move, noting that while Virginians are worried about the "kitchen table," the first bill sent to the Governor's desk was a partisan redistricting map designed to gain more Democratic seats in Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Surovell has deflected local cost concerns, blaming federal tariffs for Virginia's affordability crisis.

Governor Spanberger and Democratic leaders have reportedly refused to comment on why new taxes are necessary while the state is sitting on billions in extra cash.