

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILL TRACKING AND SCHEDULING

BILL NO.	TITLE & SPONSOR(S)	DETAILS/OCA POSITION	NEXT-LAST HEARING/ COM.MEETING
HB 1230	Establishing a commission to study the economic impact of national carbon pricing on New Hampshire. Reps. Shepardson, Clark, Richardson, Schmidt, Danielson, Oxenham	None	ITL floor vote 3/6
HB 1338	Establishing a committee to study the changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electricity supply. Reps. Schmidt and Watters	None	ITL floor vote 3/6
HB 1381	Re determining the taxable value of utility property for local property taxation. Rep. Abrami	We supported the compromise version of the bill, creating a complicated but standard valuation formula based on book value	Floor vote 3/15
HB 1472	Relative to the state building code provision for energy conservation in new building construction. Rep. MacKay	None	Adopted by voice vote 2/22; now goes to Senate
HB 1481	Relative to intervention in administrative law cases and matters before the public utilities commission by members of the general court. Rep. Cushing	Allows legislators to intervene in PUC cases that affects the interests of residents, businesses or communities they represent.	ITL voice vote 2/8
HB 1488	Establishing a committee to study the public utilities commission's role and scope of duties in a deregulated environment. Rep. Cali-Pitts	None	Adopted by voice vote 3/6
HB 1544	Establishing a committee to identify the requirements needed to commit New Hampshire to a goal of 100 percent renewable energy for electricity by 2040. Peter Somssich	None	Committee recommendation of ITL; floor vote 3/15

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HB 1550	Requiring electric bills to include the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards. Michael Harrington	We support this legislation because we like the idea of transparency in utility bills.	Committee OTP recommendation 11-8; Floor vote 3/15
HB 1555	Relative to participation by the public utilities commission in regional activities. Michael Harrington	Requires PUC and OCA to advocate against certain federal or regional rules, policies, etc. Support amended version.	Committee OTP recommendation 11-8; floor vote 3/15
HB 1563	Relative to the taxation of solar energy systems. Reps. Oxenham and Shepardson	Permits owner of property equipped with solar energy system to either pay the property tax on assessed value or make payment in lieu of taxes of a specified amount for that portion equipped with the solar energy system.	Committee recommended ITL 13-8; floor vote 3/15
HB 1611	Establishing a committee to study off-shore wind development. Rep. Cushing	None	ITL floor vote 3/6
HB 1644	Prohibiting the combination of certain regulated utilities. Rep. Cushing	Prohibits water utilities from being co-owned with electric or natural gas utilities.	ITL floor vote 2/22
HB 1646	Requiring reports of dropped cell phone calls by carriers. Rep. Messmer	Requires posting of monthly data on PUC web site.	ITL voice vote 2/22
HB 1647	Relative to inclusion of energy storage in distributed energy resources for electricity transmission and distribution. Rep. Oxenham	We worked with sponsor on revised language.	Committee ITL recommendation 12-9; floor vote 3/15
HB 1796	Relative to the legislative oversight committee on electric utility restructuring. Rep. Backus	Updates mission of committee now that restructuring is substantially complete. OCA requested.	Adopted voice vote 3/6

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SB 321	Relative to group host net energy metering. Sen. Giuda	Removes requirement that group hosts be default service customers. Support.	Adopted voice vote; now in House
SB 322	Relative to access to a water utility. Sen. Giuda	Requires water utilities to provide service to all comers in their territory without line extension fees	Committee recommends interim study; floor vote 3/22
SB 365	Re default service energy diversity and rate relief Sen. Innis, Avard, Bradley, Fuller-Clark, Kahn, Feltes, Reps. Shepardson, Backus et alii	Requires utilities to purchase output of certain “eligible facilities” as part of default service and pay them -- Oppose	Committee voted OTP with amendment; floor vote 3/22
SB 367	Re PUC review of net metering group host agreements. Feltes, Soucy, Fuller Clark	Removes PUC review of net metering group host agreements.	Adopted by voice vote; now in House
SB 443	Relative to the jurisdiction of counties concerning retail electric supply. Sen. Giuda	Allows county governments located in municipal electric territories to have access to competitive electricity	Adopted by voice vote; now in House
SB 446	Relative to net energy metering limits for customer-generators. Sen. Avard, Birdsell, Fuller Clark, Gannon	Raises the limit from 1 MW to 5 MW – and also includes QFs of less than 20 MWs – requires PUC proceedings	Committee recommended OTP as amended; floor vote 3/14
SB 448	Establishing a commission to study the establishment of a state department of energy. Sen. Fuller Clark, Rep. Shepardson, Sommich, Backus, Barry	Convinced the committee to add OCA to the commission	Adopted by voice vote; now in House
SB 449	Relative to the site evaluation committee. Ruth Ward	Changes SEC to nine members of the public chaired by nonvoting PUC chairman	Committee recommended interim study; floor vote 3/22
SB 452	Relative to renewable energy fund incentive payments. Sen. Giuda	Extends incentive payments to residents with leased solar facilities.	Committee recommended OTP; floor vote 3/22
SB 517	Establishing an electric vehicle charging stations infrastructure commission. Sen. Watters	None	House adopted on voice vote; now in Senate

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SB 555	Establishing a citizens' right-to-know appeals commission and a right-to-know law ombudsman and making an appropriation therefor. Sen. Giuda, French, Fuller Clark, Gannon, Innis...	Supported.	Judiciary voted OTP; floor vote OTP; Finance recommended ITL; floor vote 3/15
SB 575	Relative to electronic vehicle charging stations. Rep. Watters	Requires signage; PUC determinations about cost of service, declining block rates, TOU rates, load management, etc.	Adopted 19-3; now pending in House transportation
SB 577	Requiring the public utilities commission to consider its order affecting the Burgess BioPower plant in Berlin. Sen. Bradley, Chandler, Avard, Woodburn, Theberge, Thomas, Giuda	Neutral but with significant concerns	Adopted with amendments 20-4; referred to Senate Finance