

LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILL TRACKING AND SCHEDULING

BILL NO.	TITLE & SPONSOR(S)	DETAILS/OCA POSITION	NEXT-LAST HEARING/ COM.MEETING
HB111	Relative to recovery of stranded costs on certain purchased power agreements. Michael Harrington	Limits recovery of over-market costs to default service charge rather than stranded cost charge for PPAs approved after 7/8/15.	Retained in committee (2/7/17)
HB114	Relative to minimum electric renewable portfolio standards. Richard Barry	Eliminates post-2015 Class I increases so that requirement remains 6 percent. Neutral.	Retained in committee (2/15/17)
HB141	Relative to electric renewable energy classes. David Murotake & Michael Vose	Allows up to 5 percent of Class I obligations to be satisfied by " <i>other hydroelectric sources.</i> " OCA is neutral.	Retained in committee (2/21/17)
HB146	Relative to the definition of energy cost saving measure and relative to energy performance contracting. Herbert Richardson & Suzanne Harvey	DAS bill	Inexpedient to legislate (2/2/17)
HB162	Relative to the criteria for the issuance of certificates for the siting of high pressure gas pipelines. James McConnell	Mostly concerned with eminent domain; also " <i>75 percent or more of gas transmitted shall be distributed within NH</i> " Neutral	Inexpedient to legislate (3/8/17) 20-1 committee Voice vote on floor
HB179	Relative to financing the construction of high pressure gas pipelines. James McConnell	Prohibits the imposition of any tariff, tax, or fee on any electric ratepayer for the purpose of partially or wholly financing the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline. Support.	Inexpedient to legislate (3/9/17) 13-8 committee vote 176-157 floor vote
HB198	Relative to the qualifications for the position of consumer advocate. Michael Vose	CA shall be a "qualified attorney admitted to practice in this state, <i>an engineer licensed to practice in the state, a certified public accountant, a qualified person with financial experience, or an economist.</i> " Neutral/Oppose	Inexpedient to legislate (2/16/17) Committee 12-8 OTP recommendation defeated by 156-184 floor vote

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HB199	Relative to including hydroelectric in renewable energy classes. Richard Barry	Turns Class IV into all hydroelectric rather than existing small hydroelectric	Lay on table (3/9/17)
HB225	Relative to information collection concerning electric renewable portfolio standard Bart Fromuth	Originally repealed RPS; House adopted Vose amendment that provides for strengthening annual compliance reports	Ought to pass, with amendment (3/9/17) Senate hearing 4/11 Awaiting committee action
HB317	Prohibiting the public utilities commission from increasing the system benefits charge without legislative approval. Michael Vose	Oppose	Retained in committee (2/21/17)
HB324	Relative to the valuation of utility property. Patrick Abrami	Valuations to be determined for all purposes by DRA. Possible support.	Retained in committee (2/8/17)
HB344	Relative to access for low income ratepayers to renewable energy incentives and benefits. David Danielson	Requires PUC to <i>“establish a program of renewable energy incentives and benefits for low-income ratepayers.”</i>	Inexpedient to legislate (2/15/17)
HB352	Relative to the energy efficiency fund. Herbert Richardson & Suzanne Harvey	State’s Energy efficiency fund becomes “energy fund” and may receive revenue from both EE and renewable energy projects	Ought to pass (3/9/17) Senate Hearing 3/21 Awaiting committee vote
HB401	Relative to the implementation of the recommendations of grid modernization. David Danielson	Requires the PUC to <i>“develop a process to implement time varying rate design.”</i>	Retained in committee (2/21/17)
HB493	Relative to evaluating the public interest of gas pipeline capacity contracts. James McConnell	Authorizes PUC to approve contracts that reasonably protect ratepayers from the risk of stranded costs, etc.	Inexpedient to legislate (3/9/17)
HB504	Relative to third party charges on utility bills. John Lewicke	May be problematic as it seems to prevent on-bill financing	Inexpedient to legislate (3/8/17)

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HB518	Eliminating the cap on net metering and Richard Barry	Limits compensation to <i>"the average monthly wholesale energy rate as determined by ISO-New England."</i> Oppose	Retained in committee (2/15/17)
HB535	Relative to community net metering. David Murotake	Raises from 1 to 5 MW permissible peak capacity when owner is municipality. Not sure.	Lay on table (3/9/17)
HB559	Relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund. Richardson, Fuller Clark, Backus, Feltes, et al.	Removed requirement that \$1 from C&I share of RGGI allowances sold supports C&I energy efficiency programs.	Retained in committee (2/21/17)
HB592	Repealing the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Michael Harrington	Repeals the regional greenhouse gas initiative	Retained in committee (2/21/17)
HB627	Establishing the position of energy efficiency advocate. Vose, Kurk et alii	Reduces the RGGI rebate threshold from \$1 per allowance to \$0.10 per allowance while also directing the remaining funds toward a newly created position at the office of the consumer	Inexpedient to legislate (2/15/18)

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SB50	Relative to members of the site evaluation committee. Jeb Bradley	Revises makeup and procedures of site evaluation committee.	Senate: Ought to pass w/ amendment (2/9/17) Pending review by House ST&E committee
SB95	Amending the salary grade for the chairman of the PUC Bradley, Vose	Raises maximum annual salary of PUC Chairman by ~\$7,000.	Inexpedient to legislate (2/9/17)
SB125	Establishing a committee to study transmission and distribution costs in the state's energy system. Kevin Avard	Committee shall " <i>study ways to mitigate the cost of electricity in New Hampshire</i> " and report on findings and recommendations by November 1, 2017	Adopted by Senate Adopted by House Awaiting Gov. signature
SB128	Relative to the policy goal of electric utility restructuring. Bradley, D'Allesandro, Soucy, Innis, et al.	Modifies electric utility restructuring policy principles by permitting electric utilities to pursue measures to mitigate the cost of electric service, reduce the price volatility of that service, and/or reduce the potential for disruptions in electricity supply, subject to the commission's determination that such measures are in the public interest.	Heard in committee (2/15/17) Bradley amendment adopted and committee voted 2-1 OTP on 3/14/17 Retained by House ST&E 5/9/17
SB129	Requiring a portion of the renewable energy fund to benefit low-to-moderate income residential customers and relative to electric renewable energy classes and relative to the class rate for biomass. Jeb Bradley	Raises the RPS class rate for biomass and requires that a portion of the renewable energy fund benefits low-to-moderate income residential customers.	Committee: Ought to pass with amendment (3/8/17) Adopted by voice vote 3/16/17 ST&E executive session 5/9/17
SB181	Relative to the regulation of biodiesel. Dan Feltes	Revises list of fuels exempted from best available control technologies to include biodiesel, while also providing a definition of biodiesel	Senate: Adopted by Voice vote (2/23/17) ST&E unanimous Ought to Pass 5/4/27 Awaiting floor action
SB229	Relative to appraisals of residential property, procedures in eminent domain proceedings, and expenditures from the EE fund Avard, Bradley, Sanbord, Feltes et al.	Permits New Hampshire site evaluation committee to file as intervenor in FERC proceedings. Also grants various rights and privileges to property owners whose property might be acquired via eminent domain for purpose of gas pipeline siting	Senate: Ought to pass w/ amendment (2/16/17) ST&E inexpedient to legislate 4/20/17 ITL floor voice vote 4/20