

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 317	Relative to changes in the system benefits charge.	Requires legislation for increases in System Benefits Charge beyond first triennium of Energy Efficiency Resource Standard	House adopted w/amendment 173-171 Senate adopted with amendment by vv on 5/3
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	Laid on the table, 3/21
HB 1472	Relative to the state building code provision for energy conservation in new building construction. Rep. MacKay	None	Adopted in House and 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 in House 3/6; Senate voted interim study on 5/2

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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	ITL floor vote 3/21
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.	House approved 179-150 on 3/21; Senate approved with floor amendment by voice vote 5/3
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.	Adopted in house by voice vote 3/15; adopted in senate by voice vote 4/26
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.	House voted ITL (185-135) on 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.	ITL (174-150) on 3/21
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.	House Adopted voice vote 3/6 Senate adopted amended version 5/2

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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 in both chambers
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	Interim study by voice vote 3/21
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	Senate approved by voice vote 3/21 House approved amended version on 5/3 – 225-108
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 in both chambers by VV
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; House approved amended version by VV; Senate concurred by VV on 5/2
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	Senate adopted by VV on 3/14 House adopted amended version by vv on 5/3
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 in Senate; House voted ITL by voice vote 4/19
SB 449	Relative to the site evaluation committee. Ruth Ward	Changes SEC to nine members of the public chaired by nonvoting PUC chairman	House voted interim study by VV on 3/21
SB 452	Relative to renewable energy fund incentive payments. Sen. Giuda	Extends incentive payments to residents with leased solar facilities.	Senate approved by VV on 3/21; House voted ITL by VV on 5/2
SB 517	Establishing an electric vehicle charging stations infrastructure commission. Sen. Watters	None	Senate adopted by VV; House adopted on 4/12 by 180-155

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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.	Senate adopted 13-11; House voted ITL 212-103 on 4/26
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.	Senate Adopted 19-3; House adopted by voice vote on 5/2
SB 577	Requiring the public utilities commission to consider its order affecting the Burgess BioPower plant in Berlin, prohibiting the import of certain liquid fuels, and relative to the production of useful thermal energy. Sen. Bradley, Chandler, Avard, Woodburn, Theberge, Thomas, Giuda	Neutral but with significant concerns	Adopted by Senate with amendments 20-4 on 3/22; House adopted with amendment 254-64 on 5/3