

LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILL TRACKING AND SCHEDULING

BILL NO.	TITLE & SPONSOR(S)	OCA POSITION	NEXT-LAST HEARING/ COM.MEETING
HB 297	Title: protecting individual customer data from disclosure by a public utility	We sought the bill's introduction, supported it at hearings and worked with sponsors and PUC on amendatory language.	Signed by Governor as 2016 N.H. Laws Ch. 258
HB 1104	Title: relative to electric renewable energy classes. Sponsors: (Prime) David Murotake	In the event class I goals cannot be met by sources complying with RSA 362-F:4, I, class I goal may be satisfied by power obtained through a power purchase agreement approved by the commission from other hydroelectric sources. The portion satisfied in this manner shall not exceed 5 percent of the total megawatt-hours of electricity supplied by the provider to its end-use customers that year. Monitoring	House adopted ITL (inexpedient to legislate) recommendation on March 10 – 210 to 126.
HB 1275	Title: relative to net energy metering capacity Sponsors: (Prime) John Mann	Raises cap to 100 MW multiplied by each such utility's share of 2010 annual coincident peak energy demand distributed by all such utilities as determined by the commission. Monitoring	House adopted ITL recommendation on March 9 by voice vote. See HB1116 below.
HB 1367	Title: relative to the public utility commission's authority to waive limitations for certain targeted net	Monitoring	House adopted ITL recommendation by voice vote on March 9. See HB1116 below.

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	energy metering arrangements. Sponsors: (Prime) Lee Oxenham		
HB 1483	Title: relative to community renewable energy. Sponsors: (Prime) Lee Oxenham	Monitoring	House adopted ITL recommendation by voice vote on March 9. See HB1116 below.
HB 1374	Title: relative to rebates to ratepayers from the renewable energy fund. Sponsors: (Prime) Jeanine Notter	This bill requires moneys paid into the renewable energy fund to be rebated to ratepayers Monitoring	House adopted 18-3 ITL recommendation by 203-127 vote on March 10.
HB 1659	Title: relative to the implementation of the clean power state implementation plan. Sponsor: Michael Vose	Prohibits DES from expending funds to develop or implement a state implementation plan under the Clean Air Act until such time as the final Environmental Protection Agency rule has been declared constitutional. Monitoring	House adopted 20-1 ITL recommendation by voice vote on March 10.
HB 1101	Title: prohibiting charges to NH residents for the construction of high pressure gas pipelines. Sponsor: Eric Eastman	Prohibits the imposition of any tariff, tax, or fee on any state resident for the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline. Monitoring	House adopted recommendation to refer to interim study on March 9.
HB 1140	Title: relative to financial responsibility for gas transmission pipelines. Sponsor: Eric Estevez	Requires owners of gas transmission pipelines to procure and maintain insurance or provide a bond against any loss resulting from failure or malfunction of a pipeline. Monitoring	House adopted 15-6 ITL recommendation on March 10 by a vote of 239-96.
HB 1148	Title: relative to pipeline capacity contracts. Sponsor: James McConnell	As part of any investigation of any pipeline capacity contract, the commission shall consider: (a)	Majority Committee Report: ITL, 11-10

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		<p>Whether such capacity contract is necessary and cost effective for New Hampshire ratepayers;(b) Whether such capacity contract compares favorably to other reasonably available options in terms of its impact on the economy, environment, and climate; (c) Whether the applicant has exercised due diligence; and (d) Whether, for contracts exceeding a term of 3 years, the applicant has properly evaluated the potential for technological improvements in energy efficiency and storage to reduce or eliminate the need for new infrastructure . Monitoring</p>	<p>House rejected ITL recommendation (163-169) and voted OTP (ought to pass) on March 10 by 208-124 vote.</p> <p>Pending in Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; hearing not yet scheduled.</p>
HB 1116	<p>Title: relative to net metering. Sponsor: Frank Edelblut</p>	<p>[Amended version] Raises net metering cap to 100 MWs, subject to allocation formula. Requires PUC to open docket to develop new alternative net metering tariffs.</p>	<p>Amended version of bill signed into law by Governor as 2016 N.H. Laws Ch. 31. PUC docket now pending.</p>
HB 1155	<p>Title: relative to providing choice of meters to electric customers. Sponsor: Carolyn Halstead</p>	<p>Any customer of a utility may choose to keep his or her existing meter or may consent to the installation of a smart meter. The utility may assess a surcharge on any customer who</p>	<p>House adopted ITL recommendation by voice vote on March 9.</p>

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		chooses to keep an old meter. Monitoring	
HB 1198	Title: relative to the valuation of poles and conduits owned by telephone utilities. Sponsor: Patrick Abrami	[Amended version] The value of poles or conduits employed in the transmission of telecommunication owned in whole or in part by telephone utilities for purposes of tax assessment shall be Replacement Cost New (RCN) less depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis for a period of 40 years with a residual value of 20 percent.	Signed by Governor as 2016 N.H. Laws Ch. 208.
SB 492	Title: relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund. Sponsor: Sen. Dan Feltes	Repeals \$1 rebate threshold for RGGI auction proceeds deposited into energy efficiency fund. Commercial/industrial customers to receive full rebate. Remainder: allocation to low income EE programs increased to 35 percent and, in 2017, up to \$5m allocated to utility core programs for municipal, school district and local government EE projects. Anything left goes to fuel-neutral residential EE program. No more rebates to residential customers.	Senate adopted OTP recommendation on March 24, 13-11; House ST&E Committee voted OTP by a 12-5 vote; full House voted to lay on table by 189-155 vote. Subsequently, the Senate added the text to HB 1660 (relative to eminent domain proceedings for gas pipelines) but House conferees rejected the proposal. HB 1660 then failed when Senate rejected conference committee report.