Bill as Introduced

SB 331- AS INTRODUCED

2000 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***331***

AN ACT requiring a report from the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

SPONSORS: Sen. Russman, Dist 19; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24; Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. Below, Dist 5; Rep. Blanchard, Rock 33; Rep. Bradley, Carr 8; Rep. Norelli, Rock 31; Rep. O'Connell, Hills 13; Rep. Richardson, Ches 12

COMMITTEE: Environment

ANALYSIS

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Water Resources Management and Water Conservation; Regional Cooperation; Report by Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Services.

I. The public utilities commission and the department of environmental services shall prepare a report which evaluates whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation. The report shall include:

(a) An analysis of the effect of public utilities statutes and rules on regional cooperation for water resources management;

(b) An analysis of how the authorizing statutes and the rules and policies of the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services affect water conservation in New Hampshire; and

(c) Findings and recommendations for future action to encourage water conservation and regional cooperation on water resources management matters.

II. The public utilities commission and the department of environmental services shall report their findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate environment, the senate energy and economic development, the house resources, recreation, and development, and the house science, technology, and energy committees, the governor, and the state library by June 30, 2001.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 331 Date February 22, 2000

Committee Resources, Recreation + Development

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Mark Emmert	NH Public Utilities Comm		271-2431	X	
Susan Slack	SPNHF			X	
Sen. Katie Wheeler	Durham		Sen. Dist. 21	V	
H. Bunk Waugh Jr.	NH Municipal Assn		(Po Box 617 Concord)	✓	
Susan Pillsbury	NHDES			✓	
Timothy Foster	BIA		224-5388	✓	
Robert Beaurivage	Manchester Water Works			✓	
Rep. Tim O'Connell	Milford			✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 331

BILL TITLE: requiring a report from the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

DATE: February 22, 2000

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:00 A.M.

Time Adjourned: 11:52 A.M.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Royce, D. Lawton, Whalley, Cooney, Kibbey, Mirski, R. Lawton, Lavoie, O'Connell, Corbin, Roberts, Fields, Czech, Gallus, Blanchard, Downing, Williams, Lefebvre, Robb-Theroux, Fortnam, Glines and Spang.

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. MaryAnn Blanchard - Sponsor. Support the bill. Sen. Russman sends his support. Gave out handouts, attached. This bill directs agency to take the next step. There were 12 previous studies dating back to 1952. Gave reasons for regional cooperation. Maybe future legislation would be needed. Commissioners think this is good legislation.

Rep. Terie Norelli - Representing herself and Rep. Jeb Bradley. Co-sponsors. Noted the need for regional cooperation.

* **Susan Slack, SPNHF** - Supports the bill. Written testimony, attached.

* **Sarah Pillsbury, NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)** - Written testimony, attached.

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Steve Del Deo, NH Water Works Association - Supports the bill. He described an example in Concord and Bow involving a number of contaminated systems. Described his support.

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Robert Beaurivage, Manchester Water Works - Described the good results of Manchester Water Works regional cooperation. Serves on RMAC which is very concerned about this issue, including water conservation.

Mark Naylor, NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC) - Supports.

Chairman Royce: How would PUC work with DES under this bill? ANS: Quoted previous written testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney
Clerk

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Testimony

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SB 331

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

Memorandum

TO: Chairman H. Charles Royce and Members of the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee

FROM: Representative MaryAnn N. Blanchard

DATE: February 22, 2000

RE: Senate Bill 331

Please support Senate Bill 331.

Essentially this bill asks a question: Whether and how existing regulatory structures for water utilities encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resource management and water conservation.

It directs the PUC and DES to analyze and report findings on this question by June 30, 2001.

The idea for this bill originated from an earlier legislative bill which resulted in the published 1990 Water Supply Study for Southern New Hampshire prepared by Roy F. Weston, Nashua Regional Planning Commission, Southern N.H. Planning Commission, Rockingham Planning Commission and Strafford Regional Planning Commissioner.

Among the issues/problems discussed by the group were regionalization, interconnections, bond guarantees, zoning policies, encouraging a diffusion of growth and wholesale purchase of water involving one town or water system purchasing water from a neighboring supplier and in turn distributing it to its customers.

These issues and others have been discussed in at least 12 different previous studies going back to a major effort by Camp Dresser and McKee in 1952 for Metropolitan Water Supply for Seacoast area. They all involve and recommend a regional approach because:

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February 22, 2000

The Honorable H. Charles Royce, Chairman
Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Subject: SB 331, requiring a report from the public utilities commission and department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

Dear Chairman Royce:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 331 which requires the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to investigate and report on how existing statutes and regulations affect regional cooperation for water resource management and water conservation. DES supports this legislation and we believe that the proposed study will contribute to New Hampshire's overall water strategy by identifying and ultimately eliminating regulatory barriers to regional water management and conservation.

Regional water resources management is key to ensuring that New Hampshire can provide adequate quantities of high quality drinking water in the future. This is already well-recognized in southern New Hampshire where water supply sources are limited and stresses on the resource already exist caused by high growth rates. In some localized areas, water supply deficits exist which might only be addressed by regional solutions. The extent and magnitude of these deficits are likely to increase with time as growth continues unless regional water supply issues are better encouraged.

In the 1990s, some progress was made towards promoting regional water supply solutions. For example, "capacity development" regulations have recently been adopted by DES that discourage development of separate small community public water systems and ensure that those that are created have adequate technical, financial and managerial capability to be viable. These requirements encourage regionalization and professional management of small water systems. New Hampshire also now regulates large groundwater withdrawals in a way that enables inter-municipal well development and water transfers while ensuring that no significant environmental impacts occur in the "source" community. These initiatives are focused on addressing individual public water systems in a regional context, but do not get at the overall regional water supply concerns. Toward this end, there is a need in part to look further at whether existing regulatory structures might inadvertently inhibit regional approaches or if new incentives could better promote regionalization.

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SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS

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Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 331

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests **SUPPORTs** Senate Bill 331. The Society has a long history of advocacy on water resource management and water conservation issues. As New Hampshire's growth continues, it will become increasingly important to manage our water resources in a way that ensures our economic development into the future. Water resources know no artificial political boundaries. Therefore it is vital that we do all we can to encourage cooperation among municipalities and regions of the state to conserve and manage our water resources. An evaluation by DES and the PUC of New Hampshire's regulatory structure and whether it encourages or discourages such regional cooperation would be an important tool in developing public policies that encourage wise water resource management. It is for this reason that the Society supports this legislation.

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Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
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SB 331

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January 10, 2000

The Honorable Richard Russman
Senate Environment Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 104
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: SB-331 Requiring a Report from the PUC and DES

Dear Honorable Russman:

This letter offers my comments on the subject bill, which requires a report to be prepared jointly by the Department of Environmental Services and the Public Utilities Commission, evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

As you know, I have served in both of these agencies, as Director of the Water Division of DES and as Chief Engineer of the PUC. During over eleven years in these positions, I had direct responsibilities related to water utilities of the state. One such responsibility was coordination of a 1990 multi-agency study of water supply issues in the southern region of the state. The study group included both agencies mentioned in the bill, regional planning commissions and representatives of water utilities, among others.

At that time, the study group concluded that regional cooperation should be encouraged to avert water supply problems. One of the recommendations was that regional coordinating committees be established to evaluate proposals for new or expanded water service to ensure that the public interest is well served. Some progress has been made in the ensuing years through both legislation and agency actions. However, as the experiences during the dry summer of 1999 demonstrated, water supply remains problematic, especially, but not exclusively in the southern New Hampshire high growth areas. It is timely that this issue be revisited and the named agencies, DES and PUC are the appropriate venues to prepare the proposed report.

In supporting this legislation, I encourage the agencies to seek broad input to the report so that other experiences and ideas about how state government affects the adequacy of water supply and conservation of this limited resource can be applied.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input. Although I will be unable to attend the scheduled public hearing on the bill, I would welcome any further opportunity to assist the Committee or the agencies in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,
SHEVENELL-GALLEN and Associates, Inc.

Edward J. Schmidt, P.E., Ph.D.
Senior Consultant

cc: Senator Burton J. Cohen
Representative Maryann Blanchard

1. Water supply needs are exceeding the capacity of local public water systems to meet those needs.

2. There is uncertainty regarding the adequacy of developing water supplies for a community by community basis.

3. Costs associated with expanding or developing a regional water supply are significant and perhaps prohibitive in areas of sparse development.

4. More efficient use of limited resources could be attained.

These issues are the subject of this 1990 report. Senate Bill 331 directs the agencies most directly responsible for water resources to evaluate existing regulatory practices in order to identify, if any, current disincentives to regional cooperation and water conservation. The findings would then be the possible basis of future legislation if necessary.

Once again, I urge your support of SB 331, and I would be happy to work with the committee if necessary.

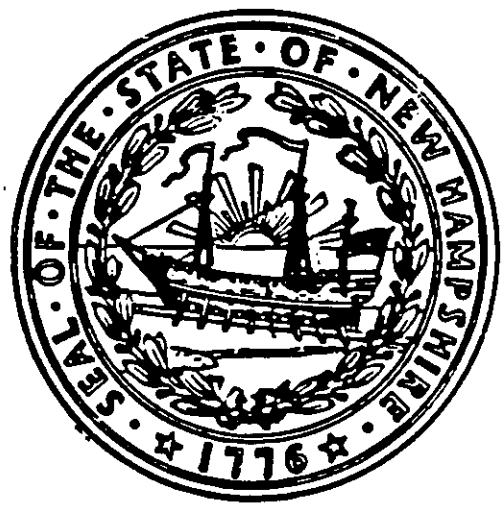
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WATER SUPPLY STUDY
FOR
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Volume 1 - REPORT



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THE WATER SUPPLY TASK FORCE

MAY 1990

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C. WATER SUPPLY PLAN

C.1 Introduction: During the course of this study it has become apparent to the Task Force that the water supply needs of the study area are as divergent as the study area itself. The area ranges from the heavily populated areas of Nashua and Manchester, to the rapidly growing seacoast area, to the rural nature of northern Strafford County. Also a strong sense of self determination and need for local control exists across the entire study area. It is an area in transition from a rural to an urban character. This transition brings about problems which can no longer be effectively addressed in a parochial manner. These problems include the following:

- Proliferation of developer owned water systems.
- Encroachment of development on water supplies.
- Contamination of existing supplies.
- Unplanned and/or uncoordinated expansion of existing water systems.
- Water supply deficits in certain areas.
- Water supply surpluses in certain areas with no means or desire to share water with water poor areas.

It is the opinion of the Task Force that the thinking of the water supply decision makers in the study area must change to reflect a more regional point of view if they are to continue supplying the region with a sufficient quantity of water meeting all federal, state and local requirements. This in and of itself is a formidable task. Nonetheless it must be done. As a first step in this process the Task Force has formulated the following plan to address both the projected water deficits and the water policy issues in the study area.

C.2 Water Utility Coordinating Committee: The Water Supply Task Force proposes that Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) be formed to provide a mechanism for the logical solution of the study area's water supply problems.

The WUCCs would be composed of members from towns, water districts/precincts and investor owned utilities. Each WUCC would exist as a special committee formed by and operating within the regional planning agencies (RPA). Therefore the geographic extent of the individual WUCCs would more or less follow the boundaries of the RPAs as shown in Figure 9-1. However, if logical water supply boundaries overlap the RPA boundaries the Task Force would encourage co-operation between the two neighboring areas and would be amenable to modifying the WUCC Boundary to recognize this situation.

Participation in the WUCC would be voluntary. However, the Task Force recommends participation by all water supply districts, utilities and towns. Non-participants would be disadvantaged by isolating themselves from the regional water supply planning effort.

The responsibilities of the WUCC would include the following:

- Assist the RPAs in the development and/or adoption of a regional water supply plan for the area.
- Act in an advisory capacity to the NHDES, NHPUC and other interested agencies, regarding planning, implementation of the plan, franchising within the area, construction standards and other items as appropriate.
- Act as a clearing house to provide comments and recommendations on proposed water system development plans to assure consistency with the adopted regional plan.
- Advise the appropriate state agencies of any water supply development proposals within their area.

Certain state agencies would provide oversight of the WUCC planning activities as follows:

- NHDES - Review for consistency with statewide water resources management plan.
- NHPUC - Service area franchising.
- NHOSP - Review for consistency with state development plans and existing water resources plans.

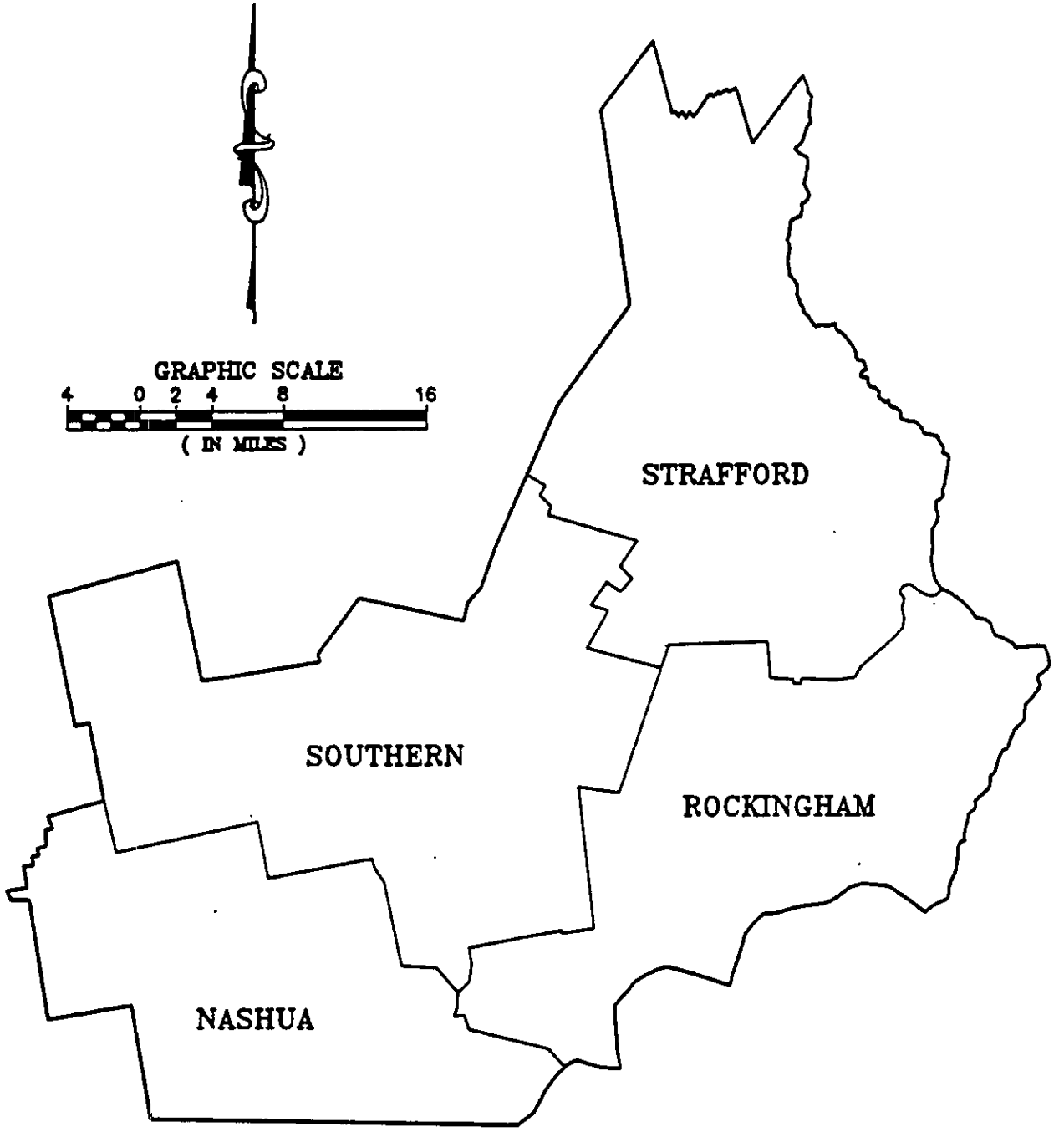


FIGURE 9-1

WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE BOUNDARIES

WATER SUPPLY STUDY FOR
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

WATER SUPPLY TASK FORCE

The Regional Water Supply Plans will provide a framework for the logical development of water resources in the region. In order to fully address the water supply issues in the area such as resource protection, distribution needs and franchising, each regional water supply plan should meet certain minimum goals and adopt a strategy to deal with the anticipated water deficits within the area. Goals which the Task Force feels are appropriate are described in Section D of this chapter. Five suggested strategies to deal with the anticipated water deficits are presented in Section E. In addition, each plan should address the identified policy issues/problems in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the Task Force contained in Section F.

C.3 Recommendation: The Task Force makes the following recommendation.

Introduce and adopt legislation authorizing the creation of Water Utility Coordinating Committees acting within the existing Regional Planning Agencies. These Committees would be formed for the express purpose of coordinating the efforts of individual water suppliers to assure the logical development of water supplies on a region wide basis. The WUCCs would be organized and given responsibilities as described in the previous section.

D. REGIONAL PLAN GOALS

The regional plans produced by each RPC with assistance by the WUCC should meet the following goals.

- Reliability of Supply - The water supplies should be sufficient in quantity and quality such that as many needs as possible can be supplied with potable water. Groundwater supplies should be protected to a high enough degree to not need treatment for contamination and be monitored on a frequent enough basis to determine when and at what level treatment is required.

- Reduction of Unnecessary Water Use and Waste - The regional water supply plan should include conservation, leak detection and repair, and drought management.

- Universal Planning of Water Supply - The plan should address all needs for potable water in the region. The needs of all present and future users, whether served by community systems, individual wells or other means, should be addressed.

- Operational and Administrative Efficiency - The plan should maximize efficiency of operation and administration through minimizing duplication of efforts and combining closely related functions to the maximum degree possible.

- Financial Viability - The water suppliers in the regional plan area should be able to provide the level of investment necessary to ensure that adequate raw water supplies are secured and protected, water is treated to the degree required, sufficient analytical work is performed to assure the production of quality water, necessary infrastructure management and repair practices are in place and functioning and that staff training is provided.

- Availability of Trained and Certified Staff - The regional plan should promote the training and certification of staff to oversee the water systems in the regional plan area. Clean water is becoming an increasingly expensive and technically difficult commodity to produce. Trained, certified and technically competent staff are critical to the success or failure of any water system.

- Capital Construction Economies of Scale - The regional water supply plan should consider economies of scale and use of existing facilities and plans wherever feasible. In general, this means that it may be more economical to construct or modify an existing large system than it would be to construct many small systems to serve the same need.

E. STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS WATER SUPPLY DEFICITS

The Task Force proposes that the regional plans adopt one or more of the following strategies to address the water supply deficits in the region.

1. Continue existing policies of suppliers meeting their system growth needs, where appropriate.

2. Establish programs to reduce demand and encourage water conservation.

3. Encourage the use of interconnections between systems.

4. Encourage development of regional water systems.

5. Encourage source augmentation, new source development and protection of future supplies.

The choice of which strategy or strategies to adopt depen upon the particular circumstances of the situation bei addressed in the water supply region. The followi sections present a brief discussion of each of the abo strategies.

E.1. Continue Existing Policies: This strategy would maintain the status quo of the water supply industry in southern New Hampshire. Water suppliers would continue to develop sources to meet their own needs independent of other considerations such as the effect of their actions on the neighboring supplier. Water shortages would continue to exist in some communities resulting in moratoriums on new water service hookups in those communities. Small water systems would continue to be constructed independent of major municipal water suppliers.

The advantage of this strategy is that it does not change anything and therefore would meet little resistance. This also is its disadvantage since very little would be accomplished in the way of regional initiatives to address the regional deficit situation. The regional, and some local, deficit situations would continue and would be left to the individual municipalities and water companies to correct. This is not a desirable position as the solution

Voting Sheets

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Motions: (OTP), OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Blanchard

Seconded by Rep. Downing

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 16-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney, Clerk

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2000 SESSION

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bill #: SB331 Title: _____

PH Date: ___/___/___ Exec Session Date: 3/21/00

Motion: OTP Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Royce, H Charles, Chairman	X	
Lawton, David M, V Chairman		
Whalley, Michael D	X	
Cooney, Richard T, Clerk	X	
Kibbey, David D	X	
Mirski, Paul M		
Lawton, Robert M		
Lavoie, Gerard H		
O'Connell, Timothy D	X	
Corbin, C David		
Roberts, William E	X	
Fields, Dennis H	X	
Czech, Stanley E	X	
Gallus, John T	X	
Blanchard, MaryAnn N	X	
Downing, Michael W	X	
Williams, Carol A	X	
Lefebvre, Roland J	X	
Robb-Theroux, Amy E	X	
Fortnam, Janet W	X	
Glines, Sara B		
Spang, Judith T	X	
TOTAL VOTE: 16-0		

Printed: 12/30/1999

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Resources, Recreation and Development**

BILL NUMBER: **SB 331**

TITLE: requiring a report from the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

DATE: 3/21/00 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☒ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

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Vote 16-0.

Rep. Michael W. Downing
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Resources, Recreation and Development

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