Bill as Introduced

HB 802-FN-A – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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(Approved: June 6, 2003)
(Effective Date: July 1, 2003)

Committee Minutes

Transportation Committee

Hearing Report

To:	Members of the Senate
From:	Liz Ignacio *Legislative Aide*
Re:	**HB 802-FN-A** – *AN ACT encouraging the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop to be a solar powered facility.*
Hearing date:	April 9, 2003
Members present:	Sen. Morse, Sen. Below, Sen. Flanders, Sen. Martel
Members absent:	Sen. Kenney

Sponsor(s): Rep. Akins, Graf 18; Rep. King, Coos 1; Rep. Benn, Graf 17; Rep. Milligan, Hills 58; Sen. Martel, Dist 18

What the bill does: This bill encourages the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop with certain equipment to utilize the sun's energy for the electric power used at the facility.

Who supports the bill: Senator Martel

Who opposes the bill: No one spoke in opposition.

Summary of testimony:

- The bill encourages the DOT to use solar power at a highway rest stop and gives the Commissioner of the DOT authority to accept gifts, donations, or grants for the purposes of retrofitting a rest stop with solar equipment.
- The project would cost $30,000 in 2004 and decrease state highway expenditures in 2005 by $500 and every year thereafter.
- Senator Martel requested his bill be ITL'ed because he feels the state needs to use it's money in areas where there are more pressing concerns.
- Senator Flanders thinks that the DOT is allowed to accept gifts, donations, and grants on their own without new legislation. Senator Below disagreed. He thinks that the bill would give the DOT authority to accept money instead of having to go in front of the Governor and Council for approval.
- Senator Below believes HB 802 is a positive gesture. It would look bad if the Legislature didn't support HB 802 and the expanded use of solar power. He also mentioned that the state supports the Solar on Schools Program.
- The bill doesn't mandate a change only encourages it.
- Commissioner Murray will be contacted to clarify the fiscal note and whether or not the department has the authority to directly accept donations for solar projects.

Funding: Please see attached fiscal note.

Future Action: Committee held the bill. Senator Morse will be contacting Commissioner Murray of the DOT.

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[file: HB 802-FN-A report]
Date: 4/11/03

Date: April 9, 2003
Time: 4:03 p.m.
Room: 104 LOB

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a hearing on the following:

HB 802-FN-A (New Title) encouraging the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop to be a solar powered facility.

Members of Committee present:
Senator Martel
Senator Below
Senator Flanders
Senator Morse

The Chair, Senator Chuck Morse, opened the hearing.

Senator Andre Martel, D. 18: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. What this bill does is to encourage the Dept. of Transportation to retrofit the existing routes around the rest stops with solar powered facilities and having their own little plants on all the little road stops that we have. This would include the prime sponsor of this bill and would end up saving the state an awful lot of money for the cost of power. This initial cost is an FN and but it says here in FY 04 the expense should be $30,000 and that would decrease the state expenses by $500 in 2005. There is a downward spree here in expenditures for the state.

This I think if we want to look at something like that, I think we could probably look at it some other time. It's got an FN, Mr. Chairman, there are many, many other projects that we have to look at, you know, health needs and needs that other people have before this kind of project even hits the road. That's my opinion on it and I'm one of the co-sponsors so I would urge you and ask you to ITL the bill because we don't have the funds to pay for it anyway. So that's my opinion.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: Senator Flanders.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Isn't this something that's part of Transportation that grew out of legislation. They can look at this and as time goes on they could do this?

Senator Andre Martel, D. 18: I would think so.

Senator Andre Martel, D. 18: Maybe most directions themselves. So legislation really not needed in that case.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: Any further questions? No further questions. Anyone want to speak on HB 802? No. Close the hearing on HB 802.

Hearing concluded at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gloria Lamoureux

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Committee/Senate Secretary
4/15/03

Speakers

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date 04/02/03 Time 4:00 p.m. Public Hearing on HB 802-FN-A

(New Title) encouraging the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop to be a solar powered facility.

SPEAKING	FAVOR	OPPOSED	NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
☐	☑	☐	Senator Roberge	Dist. 9
☒	☒	☐	Senator Morse	
☐	☒	☐	Catherine Corkery	NH Sierra Club
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Voting Sheets

Senate Transportaion Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill 802-FN-A

Hearing date: 4/16/03 Room: LOB 104

Motion of: OTP 4-0

Made by Senator:	Kenney	☐	***Seconded by Senator:***	*Kenney*	☐
	Morse	☐		Morse	☑
	Below	☐		Below	☐
	Flanders	☑		Flanders	☐
	Martel	☐		Martel	☐

Committee Member	***Present***	***Vote***	***Reported out by***
Senator Kenney, Chairman	☑		Senator Morse
Senator Morse, Vice Chair	☑		
Senator Below	☑		
Senator Flanders	☑		
Senator Martel	☐		

***Amendments:**

NOTES:

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred House Bill 802-FN-A

AN ACT (New Title) encouraging the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop to be a solar powered facility.

VOTE: 4-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Chuck Morse
For the Committee

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1/30/2003	**H**	Introduced and ref to Public Works; HJ 12, p210
2/5/2003	**H**	Hearing Feb 12 9:00 RM201,LOB
2/13/2003	**H**	Maj Report OTP/AM for Feb 20 (Vote 17-0;CC)
2/13/2003	**H**	Prop Comm Am{0306}(New Title); HC 15, p335
2/20/2003	**H**	Passed with Am; HJ 18, p397-398 + 420
3/13/2003	**S**	Introduced and Ref. to Transportation; SJ 8, Pg.106
4/4/2003	**S**	Hearing; April 9, 2003, Room 104, LOB, 4:00 p.m.
4/18/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass [04/24/03]; SC19
4/24/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; Refer to Finance [Rule 26]; SJ 14, Pg.338
5/15/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass [05/22/03]; SC23
5/22/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 17, Pg.449
5/22/2003	**S**	Passed by 3rd Reading Resolution; SJ 17, Pg.479-480
5/29/2003	**H**	Enrolled; HJ 45, p1447
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6/6/2003	**H**	Signed by the Governor on 6/6/2003 Eff: 7/1/2003 Chap: 0111

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