REGULAR CALENDAR

March 3, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to which was referred HB 1270,

AN ACT dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Douglas Thomas

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Science, Technology and Energy**
Bill Number:	**HB 1270**
Title:	**dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.**
Date:	**March 3, 2022**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-0880h**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The original purpose of this committee was to oversee the divestiture of electric generation from the electric utilities. After some 20 years, this was accomplished a couple of years ago. The committee has served its intended use and has no other practical function. Attempts were made to repurpose the committee by renaming it and altering its original goal, but the repurposed mission is vague and offers no end in sight. Not surprising, the committee has not met for over two years. There may be other committees in the future needed to address or monitor the changing electrical market, but the bipartisan majority felt it was better to start fresh, if needed, instead of continuing to rehash an old committee with patchwork fixes. Therefore, dissolution is a way to accomplish this.

Vote 15-7.

Rep. Douglas Thomas
FOR THE MAJORITY

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Science, Technology and Energy

HB 1270, dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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March 3, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to which was referred HB 1270,

AN ACT dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jacqueline Cali-Pitts

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Science, Technology and Energy**
Bill Number:	**HB 1270**
Title:	**dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.**
Date:	**March 3, 2022**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Doing away with oversight committees in general is not a good idea. These committees, especially the one in question, enable deep probing into reports generated by agencies and enable deeper understanding of the information they contain which may not be possible in regular committee session. The electric oversight committee has an important role. The transition of our electric system, contrary to popular belief, is not completed. We have concrete examples of how our system must and should change. We see what happened in Texas and is happening on the world stage. An oversight committee is a way for the legislature to stay aware of what is or is not happening in our energy sector and perhaps recommend the appropriate steps that should be taken. An oversight committee also cannot be advised as to what it can discuss or not discuss. It must study topics enumerated but can go further. In depth probing is the most valuable duty of any commission. Legislative oversight is now more than ever necessary in this vital area.

Rep. Jacqueline Cali-Pitts
FOR THE MINORITY

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REGULAR CALENDAR

Science, Technology and Energy
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Rep. Thomas, Rock. 5
February 28, 2022
2022-0880h
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Amendment to HB 1270

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT repealing the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Renewable Energy Fund; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend RSA 362-F:10, IV to read as follows:

IV. The department of energy shall make an annual report by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2009, to [~~the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services established under RSA 374-F:5,~~] the house science, technology and energy committee, and the senate energy and natural resources committee detailing how the renewable energy fund is being used and any recommended changes to such use. The report shall also include information on the total peak generating capacity that is net energy metered under RSA 362-A:9 within the franchise area of each electric distribution utility, and the percentage this represents of the amount that is allowed to be net metered within each franchise area. Information shall be provided on net metered group host registrations and the associated customer groups, including number and location of group host facilities, generation by renewable source and size of facility, and group load served by such facilities.

2 Multiple Pollutant Reduction Program; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend RSA 125-O:13, IX to read as follows:

IX. The owner shall report by June 30, 2007 and annually thereafter, to [~~the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services, established under RSA 374-F:5, and~~] the chairpersons of the house science, technology and energy committee and the senate energy and natural resources committee, on the progress and status of complying with the requirements of paragraphs I and III, relative to achieving early reductions in mercury emissions and also installing and operating the scrubber technology including any updated cost information. The last report required shall be after the department has made a determination, under paragraph V, on the maximum sustainable rate of mercury emissions reductions by the scrubber technology.

3 Carbon Dioxide Emissions Budget Trading Program; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 125-O:21, VI to read as follows:

VI. The department [~~and the commission~~] ***of environmental services and the department of energy*** shall report on an annual basis to the air pollution advisory committee under RSA 125-J:11 [~~and the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services under RSA 374-F:5,~~] ***the house science, technology, and energy committee, and the senate energy and natural resources committee*** on the status of the implementation of RGGI in New Hampshire, with emphasis on the prices and availability of RGGI allowances to affected CO2 sources, consumer protection mechanisms, and the trends in electric rates for New Hampshire businesses and ratepayers. The report shall include but not be limited to:

4 Implementation; Electric Utility Restructuring. Amend RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f) to read as follows:

(f) [~~Beginning in 2000, the commission and the department~~] ***The department of environmental services and the department of energy*** shall submit a report to [~~the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services~~] ***the house science, technology, and energy committee, and the senate energy and natural resources committee*** by October 1 of each year. The report shall concern the results and effectiveness of the system benefits charge.

5 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 374-F:5, relative to the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

II. RSA 374-F:6, relative to the duties of the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transmission of delivery of electric services.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1270

BILL TITLE: dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

DATE: March 1, 2022

LOB ROOM: 304

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Thomas	Seconded by Rep. Notter	AM Vote: 22-0

Amendment # 2022-0880h

Moved by Rep. Thomas	Seconded by Rep. Notter	Vote: 15-7

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Fred Plett, Clerk

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Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Vose, Michael Chairman	x		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	x		
Harrington, Michael D.	x		
Notter, Jeanine M.	x		
Merner, Troy E.	x		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	x		
Berezhny, Lex	x		
Bernardy, JD	x		
Cambrils, Jose E.	x		
Ploszaj, Tom	x		
White, Nick D.	x		
Lewicki, John	x		
~~Somssich, Peter F.~~ Massimilla, Linda	x		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.		x	
Mann, John E.	x		
Oxenham, Lee Walker		x	
~~Vincent, Kenneth S.~~ Telerski, Laura		x	
McGhee, Kat		x	
~~McWilliams, Rebecca J.~~ Sykes, George		x	
Chretien, Jacqueline H.		x	
Pimentel, Roderick L.		x	

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Parshall, Lucius	x		
TOTAL VOTE:	15	7	

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Vose, Michael Chairman	x		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	x		
Harrington, Michael D.	x		
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Merner, Troy E.	x		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	x		
Berezhny, Lex	x		
Bernardy, JD	x		
Cambrils, Jose E.	x		
Ploszaj, Tom	x		
White, Nick D.	x		
Lewicki, John	x		
~~Somssich, Peter F.~~ Massimilla, Linda	x		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.	x		
Mann, John E.	x		
Oxenham, Lee Walker	x		
~~Vincent, Kenneth S.~~ Telerski, Laura	x		
McGhee, Kat	x		
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Parshall, Lucius	x		
TOTAL VOTE:	22	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1270

BILL TITLE: **dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.**

DATE: **February 1, 2022**

LOB ROOM: **306-308** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **12:34 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **1:20 p.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. Vose, Thomas, Plett, Harrington, Notter, Merner, Berezhny, Bernardy, Cambrils, Ploszaj, White, Somssich, Cali-Pitts, Mann, Lewicke, Vincent, McGhee, McWilliams, Pimentel and Parshall

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Thomas	**Rep. Merner**	**Rep. Notter**
Rep. Harley	**Rep. Lang**	**Sen. Carson**

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Thomas – Don't need the the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services – hasn't met in several years.

Cali-Pitts – she thinks necessary to refer to this committee difficult subjects. Does this committee cost anything? Answer – not needed. Cali-Pitts – would it be more expensive to have a committee of 20 or so or a subcommittee of 5. Answer – not needed.

McGhee – Energy questions have gone away.

Bernardy – Bill calls for an annual report October 1. Has there been any? Not for the last couple of issues?

Somssich – Can you explain what you perceive what was its real purpose? Answer – what was divestiture played out. Well behind us. -P. 2. Explain two repeals. He did – and said DOE will follow-up. Plett – Divestiture of all energy production from utilities, or Seabrook? Answer – the former – broad divestiture.

Pimental – Reports should have come straight to Science & Tech committee, didn't. F/U – Why are we not getting reports?

Plett – No action in last 12 months? Answer – yes.

Cali-Pitts – Who is chair? Answer – me.

Harrington – Any need to keep it going? No.

Parshall – Griffin Roberge pointed out HB1269 – restructuring, not dissolving – He would speak on bill. Answer - Would do away with this and other committees – ask him.

Berezhny – what other actions could this committee take? Answer - none now. Hot topic offshore wind, another committee for that.

Mann – two ways to meet demand – supply and efficiency. Could this be a role? That could be covered by EESE Board.

Cali-Pitts – Have you served on committee? Answer – yes before divestiture occurred. In his first term about 6 years ago. Cali-Pitts – remember what it was supposed to do – not just divestiture? Answer from Chair – History lesson at executive session.

***Griffin Roberge**, DOE – his take. Line 16, hanging t. Line 26, Section 3- Would require DOE and NHPUC report on RGGI – suggest Department of Energy. One of the repeals a reporting requirement of SBC. Is this the intent? Suggests taking Section 16 out of Rep. Harrington's bill, placing it here. McGhee – two little nits? Department of Education? Can't say why, maybe typographical? F/U – Rep. Harrington's bill, HB1258. Section 16. Somssich – Since SBC mentioned here, effectiveness of SBC would be repealed? Would remove obligation but if wanted to retain, take language from Harrington, redirect to STE. Cali-Pitts – Wind energy proliferation direct result of deregulation? Answer. In part but other factors.

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB1270 Date 2/1/22

Committee Science

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Rep McWilliams			Mem/27		X

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill HB1270 on 2022-02-01

Support: 1 Oppose: 48 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Hunnewell, Richard	Holderness, NH hunnewell.richard@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 12:10 PM
Hunnewell, Anne	Holderness, NH ahunne@roadrunner.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 12:10 PM
Beffa-Negrini, Patricia	Nelson, NH pbeffa@me.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 1:15 PM
Dolkart, Vivian	Grantham, NH viviandolkart@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 2:36 PM
Dontonville, Anne	Enfield, NH Ardontonville@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 2:50 PM
Dontonville, Roger	Enfield, NH rdontonville@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 3:32 PM
Tucker, Katherine	Wilmot, NH katherine.s.tucker@valley.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 3:37 PM
Jernstedt, Margaret	Hanover, NH Margaret.Jernstedt@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 3:46 PM
Cranage, Amy	Grantham, NH cranhan@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 4:27 PM
Hegfield, Laura	Amherst, NH laurahegfield@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 4:39 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 4:41 PM
Robinson, Ellis	Grantham, NH ellismmrobinson@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 8:06 PM
Glass, Jonathan	Cornish, NH jglass1063@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 10:19 PM

Boyle, Mary	Cornish, NH mary.n.boyle@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 11:04 PM
Pidgeon, Dawna	Enfield, NH dawna.pidgeon@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 5:44 AM
Rich, Cecilia	Somersworth, NH cecilia.rich@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 6:58 AM
Reardon, Donna	Concord, NH bugs42953@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 8:36 AM
Ford Burley, Nicole	Lebanon, NH nicole.ford.burley@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 8:41 AM
Stevens, Deb	Nashua, NH debstevens4ward7@gmail.com	An Elected Official	My 10K constituents	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 9:00 AM
DePuy, Charles	Lebanon, NH c.depuy@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 9:32 AM
Saum, Judith	Rumney, NH judithsaum@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 10:34 AM
Oxenham, Lee	Plainfield, NH leeoxenham@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 11:54 AM
Bouchard, Donald	MANCHESTER, NH donaldjbouchard@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 12:36 PM
Higgins, Patricia	HANOVER, NH phiggins47@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 12:56 PM
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 2:13 PM
Almy, Susan	Lebanon, NH Susan.almy@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 4:05 PM
Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 4:31 PM
Merlone, Lynn	Rindge, NH prulone@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 4:32 PM
Martin, Patricia A	Rindge, NH pmartin2894@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 4:32 PM
Peterson, Susan	Newton, NH susanrp@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 4:58 PM
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Berk, Bruce	Pittsfield, NH bruce.berk.nh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 5:38 PM
Dutzy, Sherry	Nashua, NH sherry.dutzy@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 6:08 PM
Thomas, Anne	Rindge, NH annekerosie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 8:13 PM
Bowles, Margaret	Lyme, NH mcb2885@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 9:41 PM
wazir, Safiya	Concord, NH Swazir@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself and my Constituents	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 9:47 PM
Grassie, Chuck	Rochester, NH chuck.grassie@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 11	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 10:23 PM
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Wells, Ken	Andover, NH kenwells3@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 8:21 AM
Smith, Nancy	Enfield, NH nancysmith8@me.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:03 AM
HALLOCK, LINDA	Cornish, NH lindash@mail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:07 AM
Dolkart, Kenneth	Grantham, NH kenneth.dolkart@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:09 AM
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Gage, John	Windham, NH jhgage@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:47 AM
Roberge, Griffin	Concord, NH griffin.j.roberge@energy.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	NH Department of Energy	Neutral	No	No	2/1/2022 10:52 AM
Schuett, Dianne	Pembroke, NH dianne.schuett@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Merr. 20	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 12:40 PM

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Archived: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:40:43 AM
From: Roberge, Griffin
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 11:00:20 AM
To: ~House Science Technology and Energy
Cc: Carrie Morris; Kristin Grant; Roberge, Griffin; Doug Thomas; Troy Merner; Jeanine Notter; Tina Harley; Timothy Lang; Sharon Carson; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: NHDOE Written Testimony on HB 1270
Importance: Normal

Good morning:

Please find attached a letter from the NH Department of Energy (NHDOE) regarding HB 1270, dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

NHDOE will offer this letter at HB 1270's public hearing this afternoon. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Very best,

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February 1, 2022

Representative Michael Vose, Chairman
House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 306-308
33 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Vose and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1270, dissolving the Legislative Oversight Committee to Monitor the Transformation of Delivery of Electric Services. As introduced, this bill seeks to repeal the committee and makes a number of changes in other state statutes affecting that committee.

The NH Department of Energy (NHDOE) is neutral on HB 1270, but wanted to note a few observations:

- Page 1, line 16: There is a hanging "t" at the end of the line that should also be deleted.
- Page 1, line 26: Section 3 requires the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to annually report to various committees on the status of the implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Should the committee move HB 1270 forward, NHDOE suggests replacing "commission" with "department of energy." Most of the PUC staff who assisted in creating this report have moved over to NHDOE.
- Page 1, line 29: Section 3 outlines who receives the RGGI annual report. HB 1270 replaces the Legislative Oversight Committee to Monitor the Transformation of Delivery of Electric Services with the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee. NHDOE would respectfully suggest inserting "and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee" to ensure all policymakers on legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over energy matters are fully informed of the RGGI program.
- Page 2, lines 6-8: Section 4 makes two repeals, including RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f). This statute reads as follows*: (f) Beginning in 2000, the commission and the department shall submit a report to the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services by October 1 of each year. The report shall concern the results and effectiveness of the system benefits charge.* As introduced, HB 1270 would repeal this reporting requirement on the System Benefits Charge (SBC). HB 1258 (2022) includes language in its Section 16 that retains this reporting requirement, but removes "commission."
    - Should the committee wish to retain this reporting requirement and rename who receives the System Benefits Charge report, NHDOE respectfully suggests putting HB 1258's Section 16 into HB 1270 and replacing the reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee to Monitor the Transformation of Delivery of Electric Services with "the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee."
    - Should the committee wish to repeal this reporting requirement, part of RSA 374-F:4, VIII-a requires the System Benefits Charge report be submitted to the Commissioner of the NH Department of Education: *The report required under RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f) shall include the results and effectiveness of the energy efficiency programs for schools and, in addition to other*

requirements, be submitted to the commissioner of the department of education. This reference should be repealed or amended.

NHDOE wanted to note that HB 1269 (2022), relative to certain legislative study committees, makes a number of repeals and amendments to existing legislative committees. Sections 9 and 10 of that bill amend the membership and quorum requirements for the Legislative Oversight Committee to Monitor the Delivery of Electric Services.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HB 1270. Should you or any committee member have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Griffin Roberge, State Energy Program Manager (griffin.j.roberge@energy.nh.gov, (603) 271-8341) or Josh Elliott, Director of the Division of Policy and Programs (joshua.w.elliott@energy.nh.gov, (603) 271-6003).

Respectfully,



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HOUSE BILL ***1270***

AN ACT dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

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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 Twenty Two

AN ACT dissolving the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.

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

1 Renewable Energy Fund; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend RSA 362-F:10, IV to read as follows:

IV. The department of energy shall make an annual report by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2009, [~~to the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services established under RSA 374-F:5,~~] the house science, technology and energy committee, and the senate energy and natural resources committee detailing how the renewable energy fund is being used and any recommended changes to such use. The report shall also include information on the total peak generating capacity that is net energy metered under RSA 362-A:9 within the franchise area of each electric distribution utility, and the percentage this represents of the amount that is allowed to be net metered within each franchise area. Information shall be provided on net metered group host registrations and the associated customer groups, including number and location of group host facilities, generation by renewable source and size of facility, and group load served by such facilities.

2 Multiple Pollutant Reduction Program; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend RSA 125-O:13, IX to read as follows:

IX. The owner shall report by June 30, 2007 and annually thereafter, to t[~~he legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services, established under RSA 374-F:5, and~~] the chairpersons of the house science, technology and energy committee and the senate energy and natural resources committee, on the progress and status of complying with the requirements of paragraphs I and III, relative to achieving early reductions in mercury emissions and also installing and operating the scrubber technology including any updated cost information. The last report required shall be after the department has made a determination, under paragraph V, on the maximum sustainable rate of mercury emissions reductions by the scrubber technology.

3 Carbon Dioxide Emissions Budget Trading Program; Reference to Legislative Oversight Committee Removed. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 125-O:21, VI to read as follows:

VI. The department and the commission shall report on an annual basis to the air pollution advisory committee under RSA 125-J:11 [~~and the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services under RSA 374-F:5,~~] ***and the house science, technology, and energy committee*** on the status of the implementation of RGGI in New Hampshire, with emphasis on the prices and availability of RGGI allowances to affected CO2

sources, consumer protection mechanisms, and the trends in electric rates for New Hampshire businesses and ratepayers. The report shall include but not be limited to:

4 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 374-F:5, relative to the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transmission of delivery of electric services.

II. RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f), relative to the report of the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services to the public utilities commission and the department of energy.

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