HB 139 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***139***

AN ACT relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Chretien, Hills. 41

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill expands the definition of "municipal host" under the Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act and removes the requirement that a municipal host be located in the same municipality as all group members.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Three

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

1 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-c to read as follows:

II-c. "Municipal host" means a customer generator with a total peak generating capacity of greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts used to offset the electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions, provided that all customers are located within the same utility franchise service territory. [~~A municipal host shall be located in the same municipality as all group members if the facility began operation after January 1, 2021.~~] A municipal host may be owned by either a public or private entity. For this definition, " political subdivision " means the state of New Hampshire or any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village district, school administrative unit, ***housing authority, quasi-public entity, the Pease development authority,*** or any district or entity created for a special purpose administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 13, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to which was referred HB 139, relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Science, Technology and Energy**
Bill Number:	**HB 139**
Title:	**relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.**
Date:	**March 13, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**Regular Calendar**
Recommendation:	**WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill is a modest expansion of net metering for political subdivisions. Currently, individual cities, towns, school districts, charter schools, and school administrative units (SAUs) can receive the net metering benefit, but only if all the recipients of the energy generated are within the same municipality. This bill would eliminate that requirement so that energy generation projects can be shared across neighboring towns. This is necessary to allow municipalities with sites that can support more generation than they need to benefit from the full capacity of their site, by allowing neighboring towns to enter an agreement to use that energy. The bill also adds housing authorities and other quasi-public entities to the definition of "political subdivisions." The members of the committee supporting Ought to Pass feel that this simple, no-cost change in statute will support localities in their goal of becoming more energy independent. This will also contribute to the development of more distributed generation throughout the state, which is important for grid reliability and resiliency.

Amendment:

Rep. Jacqueline Chretien

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill expands the definition of "municipal host" under the Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act (LEEPA) and removes the requirement that a municipal host be in the same municipality as all group members. Currently, there are ten municipal hosts in the state. This bill expands net metering and raises numerous issues including undefined terms, confusion of political subdivisions, and uncertainty about how it would affect entities like universities and the Pease Development Authority. For example, could a private company become a municipal host by getting multiple incongruous towns miles apart all over the state to qualify under LEEPA? The Department of Energy was opposed to the bill as written for these reasons. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has an open docket to address some of the concerns this bill attempts to fix. An amendment was offered based on the concerns but was rejected. Those on the committee who supported Inexpedient to Legislate feel it is prudent not to legislate action for which there is much uncertainty and to wait for the PUC docket to be completed to see what other action, if any, is needed.

Amendment:

Rep. Douglas Thomas

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Bill #: HB139 Date: 2.3.23

Committee: SCIENCE

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McWilliams			New 30	✓	
FENNER			SENERGY SOLAR	✓	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 139

BILL TITLE: **relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.**

DATE: **February 3, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **302-304** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **2:21 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **3:02 p.m.**

<u>Committee Members</u>: Reps. Vose, D. Thomas, Bernardy, Notter, Berezhny, Ploszaj, Summers, Parshall, Caplan, Muns, C, Noel, W. Thomas and Cormen

<u>Bill Sponsors</u>:
Rep. Chretien

TESTIMONY

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

Rep Corment for Rep Chretien
- Same bill as last year municipal hosts must be in the same community
- Definition of housing authority and given public authorization not provided

Chairman Vose
- Net metering results in 1-1 1/2% cost shifting.
- Increases as solar increases

DOE - Griffin Roberge - Oppose
- Municipal Host - PUC DE 22-060
- Let it play out - re: net metering

Clarke Fenner - Synergy Solar, Rye
- Distributed generation/Interconnection is difficult and costly
- This is growth limiting due to interconnection costs
- Also is an _____ PUC docket

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep JD Bernardy, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill HB139 on 2023-02-03

Support: 109 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Seeking to make energy options less available to NH citizens is wrong headed. This bill seeks to make energy options more available by expanding the definition of municipal host is a step in the right direction.

Cindy Raspiller

NA

Howard Brown

NA

" political subdivision " is not a housing authority, quasi-public entity, or Pease development authority.

Mary Raven

I support this bill because it removes the requirement that a municipal host be located in the same municipality as all group members.

Lee Oxenham

The purpose of this bill is to provide an opportunity for more solar to offset municipal electricity costs. At present towns (like Plainfield) with 3 different utilities are completely barred from taking advantage of this statute. We have to be able to band together across town lines with other municipal entities (like Cornish or Lebanon) in order to have sufficient load to build solar arrays of this size. Working with our neighbor(s) we would have access to sufficient load, access to 3-phase power, and an ideal site on an abandoned quarry.

With CPCNH launching this Spring – CPCNH member towns will need to be able to work together across town lines as well.

The double requirement of being in the same utility territory AND within the same municipal boundary has meant less than 5 cities and towns in the state could make use of this provision.

Beatrice Blake

It is very important for NH to facilitate the changeover to solar energy. This bill will facilitate that. Our house, for instance, is north facing and doesn't get a lot of sun. If we could go in with other neighbors on a shared solar array, we could move to solar. Please support this bill. Thank you!

Loudon has built one roof-top solar array- (out of the several which will be needed if it is to make all the energy it needs using solar) - and has realized stunning savings! Every NH town should have the opportunity to do the same, and in some cases that will require towns to combine forces as would be authorized by this bill.

Sarah Walsh

Allowing more solar energy helps all rate payers as energy is generated more locally and reduces need for more long-distance transmission lines. This bill will allow smaller towns to cost share and develop more clean energy that will benefit everyone.

Tim Maxton

We cannot let city and town borders prevent NH from encouraging the use of solar energy. HB139, if passed, will enable communities to work together to create clean energy for their citizens. Working together: isn't that always lead to the best solutions?

Michael Fearer

Live free with renewable energy.

Patrick Wright

Anything that can be done to lower the barrier to entry for municipalities into the solar market is in the best interest of its inhabitants and the environment.

Susan Taylor

With the second highest energy bills in the nation, it is essential that we have the ability to join with other towns to build solar at scale. The only reason anyone would oppose this bill is to cater to the utility companies that want to put "all our eggs in one basket" of depending only on fossil fuels which are higher in price now than alternative energy. We need a diversified portfolio of energy sources!

David Taylor

I think it is vitally important towns can join together to develop energy sources. Large energy companies should not be able to limit public efforts to develop less expensive energy sources.

Madeline Boughter

Currently the state requires this sharing group to be in the same utility territory AND within the same municipal boundary. That has meant less than 5 cities and towns in the state could make use of this provision. Please support HB139 and more solar in New Hampshire! Thank you.

Joan Ouellette

It is not the state’s business to restrict people’s access to solar energy. Community solar arrays exist in many other parts of the world, saving both money and climate impact. Are you, as representatives, working for us, the people, or big oil?

Martha Byam

This is a practical adjustment to increase solar energy sources - remove the hamstrings from local municipalities please!

Rebecca MacKenzie

Granite Staters need more local solar to bring down the horrendous prices of electrical power and provide critical reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Thank you. Rebecca MacKenzie

ALLISON TANNER

Please remove the restrictions and allow the sharing of energy generated by solar arrays between municipalities and territories.

Adam Javobs

The hollis energy committee of which i am a member supports this and other community power initiatives.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 139

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

DATE: February 16, 2023

LOB ROOM: 302-304

Reconsideration of Vote on HB139 - Rescheduled for March 7th.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep JD Bernardy, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 139

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

DATE: February 6, 2023

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Harrington Seconded by Rep. Ploszaj Vote: 10-10

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep JD Bernardy, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 139

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

DATE: March 13, 2023

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. D. Thomas Seconded by Rep. Bernardy Vote: 10-10

☑ **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep JD Bernardy, Clerk

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2023 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #: HB 139 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 6 Feb 2023

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Vose, Michael Chairman	1		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	1		
Notter, Jeanine M.	1		
Harrington, Michael D.	1		
~~Merner, Troy E.~~ Dunn, Ron	1		
~~Lewicke, John~~ Brown, Carroll	1		
Berezhny, Lex	1		
Bernardy, JD Clerk	1		
Ploszaj, Tom	1		
Summers, James	1		
~~McGhee, Kat~~ Hamblet, Joan		1	
McWilliams, Rebecca J.		1	
~~Chretien, Jacqueline H.~~ Jack, Marty		1	
Parshall, Lucius		1	
Caplan, Tony		1	
Muns, Chris		1	
Noël, Henry W.		1	
Thomas, Wendy E.N.		1	
Cormen, Thomas H		1	
Raynolds, Ned		1	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	

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Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #: HB 139 Motion: Reconsideration AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 16 Feb 2023

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Vose, Michael Chairman	1		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	1		
Notter, Jeanine M.	1		
~~Harrington, Michael D.~~ Renzullo, Andrew	1		
Merner, Troy E.	1		
~~Lewicke, John~~ Brown, Carroll	1		
Berezhny, Lex	1		
Bernardy, JD Clerk	1		
Ploszaj, Tom	1		
Summers, James	1		
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McWilliams, Rebecca J.	1		
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Parshall, Lucius	1		
Caplan, Tony	1		
Muns, Chris	1		
Noël, Henry W.	1		
Thomas, Wendy E.N.	1		
Cormen, Thomas H	1		
Raynolds, Ned	1		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

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Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #: 139 Motion: Retain AM #: — Exec Session Date: 13 March 2023

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Vose, Michael Chairman		1	
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman		1	
Notter, Jeanine M.		1	
Harrington, Michael D.		1	
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~~Lewicke, John~~ ~~Love~~, David		1	
~~Berezhny, Lex~~ ~~Brown~~, Carroll		1	
Bernardy, JD Clerk		1	
Ploszaj, Tom		1	
Summers, James		1	
~~McGhee, Kat~~ Kelley, Eamon		1	
McWilliams, Rebecca J.		1	
Chretien, Jacqueline H.		1	
Parshall, Lucius		1	
~~Caplan, Tony~~ Dutzy, Sherry		1	
~~Muns, Chris~~ Horrigan, Tim		1	
Noël, Henry W.		1	
Thomas, Wendy E.N.		1	
Cormen, Thomas H		1	
Raynolds, Ned		1	
TOTAL VOTE:	0	20	

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McWilliams, Rebecca J.		1	
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Noël, Henry W.		1	
Thomas, Wendy E.N.		1	
Cormen, Thomas H		1	
Raynolds, Ned		1	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	