HB 281 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***281***

AN ACT relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities.

SPONSORS: Rep. Plett, Hills. 29; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Harrington, Straf. 18

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the requirement for electric and natural gas utilities to submit least cost integrated resource plans with the public utilities commission and have the commission evaluate the plans and maintain them on file.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Repeal; Public Utilities Commission; Integrated Least Cost Resource Plans. RSA 378:37 through RSA 378:40, relative to policy, plans, and compliance procedures for filing least cost integrated resource plan with the public utilities commission, are repealed.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 16, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to which was referred HB 281, relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities.

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Science, Technology and Energy**
Bill Number:	**HB 281**
Title:	**relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities.**
Date:	**February 16, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**Regular Calendar**
Recommendation:	**WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill repeals the statutory requirement that utilities file with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), a periodic plan regarding implementing resources at the least cost in supplying electricity to their service area. This requirement was relevant when utilities actually owned their electricity production facilities. With divestment, utilities are no longer potentially making money on the type or placement of electricity production facilities. The principal reason for the statute no longer exists, thus these plans are no longer being submitted and reviewed. Other electric cost minimization plans regarding distribution services and energy efficiency can and should be part of the Department of Energy's State Energy Plan. It's time to clean up this law.

Amendment:

Rep. JD Bernardy

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill aims to repeal the requirement for electric and natural gas utilities to submit least cost integrated resource plans (LCIRPs) with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and have the commission evaluate the plans and maintain them on file. LCIRPs are involved and detailed plans that guide the utilities on what they need to do when pursuing new projects. From testimony, we heard that this is a requirement that is most likely outdated, so that reforming or updating the process is warranted. We should not, however, simply repeal the requirement outright without putting any kind of guardrails in its place. LCIRPs, which are open to the public and stakeholders for substantive input, are not just "homework" that the utilities must submit. Current statute has the PUC look at all cost-saving measures, including energy efficiency and diversity of energy resources, in each LCIRP. These extensive plans must include a review of the environmental impacts, including impacts to air quality. They must also consider any impacts to human health and safety. By no longer requiring these plans, these important impacts would not be reviewed, possibly resulting in grievous harm to people and the environment. Both Eversource and the Consumer Advocate testified that although the process may need to be updated, it was far better to reform and modernize it instead of outright eliminating it.

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Bill #: HB281 Date: 2.7.23

Committee: SCIENCE

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Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Nick Krakoff	Concord	207-691-7970	CLF		X
Catherine Corkery	Concord		NH Sierra Club		X

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 281

BILL TITLE: **relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities.**

DATE: **February 7, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **302-304.** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **9:06 a.m.**

Time Adjourned: **10:10 a.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. Vose, D. Thomas, Bernardy, Harrington, Ploszaj, Summers, Parshall, Muns, Noel, W. Thomas, Cormen and Raynolds

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Plett **Rep. Notter** **Rep. Harrington**

TESTIMONY

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

Rep Fred Plett introduced
- Least cost not tied to minimizing transmission/distribution costs
- With restructuring, no longer relavent

Tom Frantz - NH DOE
- Support
- Reviewed elements of plan - 2 year forecast
- Customers can shop for service
- Costly, resource intensive and no longer necessary

Donald Kreis - Office of the Consumer Advocate
- Reform rather than repeal
- Utilities have incentive to gold plate their costs
- Least cost plan statute not really being "enforced"
- Public should have a role in least cost plan
- No one will assess costs if repealed

Michael Licata - Eversource
- Appreciate intent with most of "pro" testimony
- Relic of vertical integration
- Statute causes confusion with distribution therefore statute in efficiently applied
- Amenable to reform with advocate

Nick Krakoff - CLF
- Need to keep big picture
- Review of utility planning this review is helpful
- Do not repeal but repair
- Need the holistic review

Meredith Hatfield - Nature Conservatory
- Reform not repeal
- Need big picture assessment
- Could be statewide not utility wide

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill HB281 on 2023-02-07

Support: 2 Oppose: 79 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Liebowitz, Susan	Plainfield, NH supawali@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 8:03 PM
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February 7, 2023

By Electronic Mail

The Hon. Michael Vose, Chair
Science, Technology and Energy Committee
N.H. House of Representatives
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 281, relative to integrated resource plans of utilities.

Dear Chairman Vose and Honorable Committee Members,

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) appreciates the opportunity to comment on HB 281, which would repeal the requirement for electric and natural gas utilities to submit least cost integrated resource plans to the Public Utilities Commission and have the Commission review such plans, *See* RSA 378:37-40. CLF is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization working in New Hampshire and across the region for healthy communities and a healthy environment, including advancing sound clean energy policies that reduce pollution and strengthen the state's economic vitality. The Commission's statutory required review of utilities' least cost integrated resource plans provides the only opportunity for the Commission to conduct a holistic review of utility planning to ensure it is in the best interest of New Hampshire—from a least cost, energy diversity and reliability, and environmental and public health perspective. Although these requirements should ultimately be strengthened, removing them will increase energy costs for families and businesses and be detrimental to New Hampshire's environment and public health. Therefore, CLF urges the Committee to oppose HB 281.

The Least Cost Integrated Resource Planning Statutes Require the Commission Undertake a Holistic Review of Utility Planning to Ensure It is In New Hampshire's Best Interest

Under RSA 378:37, the New Hampshire General Court has declared that it is New Hampshire's energy policy to meet the energy needs of the state at "the lowest reasonable cost, while providing for the reliability and diversity of energy sources; to maximize the use of cost effective energy efficiency and other demand side resources; and to protect the safety and health of the citizens, the physical environment of the state, and the future supplies of resources." Pursuant to RSA 378:37-40, the electric and natural gas utilities are required to submit least cost integrated resource plans every five years, which must contain supply and demand forecasts, assessments of demand-side management and energy efficiency alternatives, and assessments of plans' environmental, economic, energy price, and supply impacts on the state. The Commission is then required to determine whether the plans comply with the statutory requirements. In deciding whether to approve or deny plans, the Commission must consider the potential environmental, economic, and health-related impacts of each alternative presented by the utilities. Thus, the least cost integrated resource planning statutes require the Commission to conduct a holistic review of utility planning that evaluates costs, energy diversity, and environmental and public health impacts.

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HB 281 Could Lead to Increased Electric and Natural Gas Rates

The least cost integrated resource planning statutes require the Commission to ensure that utility planning is least cost and provides energy diversity benefits. If these statutes are repealed pursuant to HB 281, ratepayers may suffer, as there will be no assurance that utilities will select projects that are the least cost option. Additionally, if these statutes are repealed, New Hampshire families and businesses may become even more exposed to volatile fossil fuel prices. The high electric and natural gas prices that New Hampshire is currently experiencing is largely the result of the state's overdependence on natural gas for power generation and heating.[1] Repealing the integrated resource statutes would mean that the Commission is no longer required to assess whether utilities' plans provide energy diversity benefits, which could lead to increased dependence on natural gas and even higher energy costs.

HB 281 Would Preclude the Commission from Reviewing the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Utilities' Plans

The least cost integrated resource planning statutes contain the only requirements for the Commission to consider the environmental and public health impacts of utilities' plans, including any climate change impacts. If they are repealed, neither the utilities nor the Commission will have an obligation to assess the environmental and public health impacts of utilities' plans, including the impacts from fossil fuel use. New Hampshire is already experiencing the effects of climate change caused by fossil fuels, including increased coastal flooding, severe heat waves, and mild winters, and increased use of fossil fuels contributes to or exacerbates asthma and other respiratory problems, as well as heart disease.[2] Ignoring the environmental and public health impacts of utility planning, as would occur if HB 281 is passed, would be a major step backward.

In sum, although the least cost integrated resource statutes ultimately should be strengthened, these statutes help ensure that the Commission conducts a comprehensive review of utility planning, that includes an assessment of cost, energy diversity, environmental, and public health impacts. If the statutes are repealed it may lead to increased energy costs for New Hampshire's families and businesses and result in negative impacts to New Hampshire's environment and public health. Accordingly, the Committee should reject HB 281 and vote "inexpedient to legislate."

Sincerely,

/s/ Nick Krakoff

Nick Krakoff
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[1] *See* Sharon Udasin, *New England grapples with sky-high electricity rates as Ukraine war squeezes gas supply*, The Hill (Jan. 8, 2023), https://thehill.com/policy/equilibrium-sustainability/3802915-new-england-grapples-with-sky-high-electricity-rates-as-ukraine-war-squeezes-gas-supply/.

[2] Cameron P. Wake, John Bucci, and Semra Aytur, *An Assessment of the Impact of Climate Change on Human Health in New Hampshire*, University of New Hampshire Sustainability Institute, at 15, 28, 30 (2014), *available at* https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1007&context=sustainability.

Bill acknowledges education in a person's own religion, but does not prescribe that religion. Very important to the spiritual health of society. This is not establishment of religion by government.

Sara Smith

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Catharine Farkas

I do support this bill. I may have in error opposed it.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 281

BILL TITLE: relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities.

DATE: February 16, 2023

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

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

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. McWilliams Seconded by Rep. Muns Vote: 10-10

MOTIONS: RETAINED

Moved by Rep. D. Thomas Seconded by Rep. Notter 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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1/31/2023 2:59:26 PM
Roll Call Committee Registers Report

2023 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #: HB281 Motion: ITL 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	
~~McGhee, Kat~~ Hamblet, Joan	1		
McWilliams, Rebecca J.	1		
Chretien, Jacqueline H.	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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Merner, Troy E.	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.		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	
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