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HOUSE BILL **710-FN**

AN ACT enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vose, Rock. 5; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Berezhny, Graf. 11; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill defines "advanced nuclear resource" (ANR) and includes ANR options alongside renewable energy sources for utility services, sets limitations and guidelines for investments in distributed electric generation, and clarifies the coordinator's duties in nuclear development and regulatory activities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Electric Utility Restructuring; Definitions. Amend RSA 374-F:2 by inserting
2 after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 II-a. "Advanced nuclear resource" (ANR) means generation IV nuclear technologies that
4 include gas-cooled, lead-cooled, sodium-cooled, supercritical water-cooled, and molten salt and very
5 high temperature reactors, small modular, thermal-only, and encased fuel pellets reactors, including
6 any micro, mini, or small nuclear reactor having a generating capacity between 0 and 300
7 megawatts.

8 2 Purchased Power Agreements. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 374-F:11, I to read
9 as follows:

10 I. Investor-owned electric distribution utilities may elect to develop and, no later than June
11 30, 2025, issue a request for proposals for multi-year agreements for energy, in conjunction with or
12 independent of any attendant environmental attributes from electric energy sources, ***except for***
13 ***advanced nuclear resources as defined in RSA 374-F:2, II-a, for which proposals can be***
14 ***developed until June 30, 2035.***

15 3 Purchased Power Agreements. Amend the introductory paragraph for RSA 374-F:11, II to
16 read as follows:

17 II. Any investor-owned electric distribution utility electing to enter into an agreement
18 pursuant to this section shall petition the public utilities commission for authorization to enter the
19 agreement no later than June 30, 2026, ***or June 30, 2036, for advanced nuclear resources as***
20 ***defined in RSA 374-F:2, II-a.***

21 4 Coordination of Studies and Development Activities; Position Established. Amend RSA 162-
22 B:4, III to read as follows:

23 III. The coordinator of nuclear development and regulatory activities shall have the duty to
24 coordinate and produce the reports required by RSA 162-B:3, as well as coordinate the studies
25 conducted, and the recommendations and proposals made, in this state with like activities in New
26 England and other states and with the policies and regulations of the United States Nuclear
27 Regulatory Commission. ***These activities may include the management of funding and***
28 ***oversight of nuclear incentive programs, such as those described by RSA 374-G:4, as well as***
29 ***outreach programs to inform and educate the public, particularly regarding safety.***

30 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 710-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

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