

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, January 29, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **SB 440**

AN ACT

relative to the adoption of energy efficient and
clean energy districts by municipalities.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0353s

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For the Committee

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