

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **SB 537**

AN ACT

repealing the authorization for the public utilities  
commission to approve alternative forms of  
regulation.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Kevin Avard  
For the Committee

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Joshua Schauer 271-3077

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