

HB 1666-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1666-FN***

AN ACT                requiring capacity planning in the state 10-year energy strategy.

SPONSORS:            Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Sen. Lang,  
Dist 2; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE:          Science, Technology and Energy

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ANALYSIS

This bill expands the state energy strategy to include electric capacity planning for emerging sectors, requires periodic expert consultation, and adds an analysis of demand-side measures.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT requiring capacity planning in the state 10-year energy strategy.

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

1           1 New Subparagraph; State Energy Strategy. Amend RSA 12-P:7-a by inserting after  
2 subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

3                   (i) Establish and maintain a report section on New Hampshire's electric capacity  
4 planning, defined by state regional growth for electrification of new sectors of the economy, such as  
5 housing, transportation, technology, and data centers. This section report may require consulting  
6 with subject matter experts in capacity planning to define recommendations every 3 years.

7           2 New Section; State Energy Strategy. Amend RSA 12-P:7-a by inserting after section II the  
8 following new section:

9                   II-a. The strategy shall also include consideration of the extent to which demand-side  
10 measures including efficiency, conservation, demand response, and load management can cost-  
11 effectively meet the state's energy needs, and proposals to increase the use of such demand resources  
12 to reduce energy costs and increase economic benefits to the state.

13           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1666-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.**

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Utility Assessments and General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill expands the state energy strategy to include electric capacity planning for emerging sectors, requires periodic expert consultation, and adds an analysis of demand-side measures.

The Department of Energy states that Section 1 requires the State Energy Strategy to include a new section on “capacity planning,” which, based on context, is assumed to relate to electric capacity; however, the bill does not specify whether this refers to generation, distribution, or transmission needs. Because the scope and level of detail expected for this planning requirement are not clear in the bill language, the Department cannot determine the scale of staff time, analysis, or external expertise that may be needed resulting in an indeterminable impact on State expenditures.

Section 2 of the bill restates existing statutory language in a newly numbered section and therefore has no fiscal impact on the Department.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Energy