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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund.

SPONSORS: Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Rep. D. Thomas, Rock. 16; Rep. Vose, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a study committee on New Hampshire's electric
2 renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F and the renewable energy fund under RSA 362-F:10.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom is currently
6 serving on the house committee on science, technology, and energy, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
10 attending to the duties of the committee.

11 3 Duties. The committee shall study and make recommendations on the following matters:

12 I. The extent to which the current class structure of the renewable portfolio standard under
13 RSA 362-F continues to serve its original purpose of providing a market for technologies that
14 increase the fuel diversity of New Hampshire's electricity generation, which supports for low-
15 emission energy technologies that are not yet commercially self-sustaining, and whether that class
16 structure remains the appropriate policy instrument given technological changes since the policy
17 was enacted.

18 II. Whether to maintain a class-based renewable portfolio standard or transition to the
19 energy standard design recommended by the department of energy in its 2025 review of the
20 renewable portfolio standard, and if such a change could be made at a cost that is beneficial to the
21 ratepayers.

22 III. The effect of the integration of additional qualifying resources.

23 IV. The benefits to ratepayers delivered by the renewable energy fund and the feasibility of
24 returning surplus revenue directly to ratepayers or redirecting funds to higher value programs.

25 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
26 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The
27 first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three
28 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
2 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the policy
3 committees in the house and senate with jurisdiction over renewable energy, the house clerk, the
4 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

5 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HB 1542-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1726s)

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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.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None