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HOUSE BILL **106**

AN ACT establishing a commission to determine the monetary costs of climate damage to the state of New Hampshire and the best means of recouping such costs.

SPONSORS: Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Rep. Seibert, Hills. 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to determine the financial cost of climate damage to New Hampshire and methods of recouping such costs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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1 (a) Two members of the house of representatives' science, technology, and energy service
2 committee, with one member being appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one
3 member being appointed by the minority leader of the house.

4 (b) Two at-large members of the house of representatives, with one member being
5 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one member being appointed by the
6 minority leader of the house of representatives.

7 (c) One member of the senate energy and natural resources committee, appointed by the
8 president of the senate.

9 (d) One at-large member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader.

10 (e) One representative of the business and industry community, appointed by the
11 speaker of the house of representatives.

12 (f) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or his or her
13 designee.

14 (g) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or his or her
15 designee.

16 (h) One representative from an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) environmental
17 organization, appointed by the governor.

18 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
19 attending to the duties of the commission.

20 III. The commission shall study the financial costs of climate damage to New Hampshire
21 and possible methods of recuperating such costs. The commission shall and receive testimony,
22 advice, and other information, at its discretion, from relevant state, regional, and national agencies,
23 organizations, and individuals, pertaining to:

24 (a) The various likely scenarios of climate damages impacting New Hampshire in the
25 next 20 years and the next 50 years.

26 (b) The likely scope of damage to New Hampshire, its people, cities and towns, rural
27 areas, natural resources, infrastructure, industry, agriculture, tourism, and other relevant
28 industries.

29 (c) The likely adaptations needed to prevent these scenarios.

30 (d) The financial estimates of such scenarios and preventative measures.

31 (e) The best means of recouping costs accumulated by the state in preventing and
32 responding to climate-related damage, including municipal bonding, insurance, legal action, fees,
33 and other methods.

34 IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
35 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.
36 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
37 Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

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1 V. The commission 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 house
3 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

4 3 Repeal. RSA 362-J:1 relative to the commission to study the financial costs of damage caused
5 by climate damage to New Hampshire and the best methods for recouping such costs, is repealed.

6 4 Effective Date.

7 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

8 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.