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March 10, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to which was referred HB 755-FN,

AN ACT relative to the state's electric utility market. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. JD Bernardy

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
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MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Science, Technology and Energy**
Bill Number:	**HB 755-FN**
Title:	**relative to the state's electric utility market.**
Date:	**March 10, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 10-8.

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