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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **2**

A RESOLUTION declaring the development of advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of the state of New Hampshire and the United States.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. McLean, Hills. 15; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. D. Thomas, Rock. 16; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This resolution calls for policymakers to support nuclear energy initiatives and projects to ensure the United States remains a leader in nuclear technology.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

A RESOLUTION declaring the development of advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of the state of New Hampshire and the United States.

1 Whereas, nuclear energy is a reliable and efficient source of energy that provides significant
2 benefits to New Hampshire and the United States, including enhanced energy security,
3 diversification of energy sources, and carbon-free energy generation; and

4 Whereas, nuclear energy contributes to the state's energy independence, strengthening both
5 state and national security by reducing reliance on foreign energy sources and volatile global energy
6 markets; and

7 Whereas, advanced nuclear technologies, including small modular reactors ("SMRs") and next-
8 generation reactors, offer the potential to improve safety, flexibility, and efficiency in generating
9 clean, carbon-free energy; and

10 Whereas, advanced nuclear projects provide opportunities for economic growth, job creation, and
11 innovation within New Hampshire and across the United States, while also offering a more resilient
12 and sustainable energy infrastructure; and

13 Whereas, nuclear energy currently supplies nearly 60 percent of New Hampshire's in-state
14 electricity generation, making it a crucial component of the state's energy portfolio and ensuring
15 consistent, reliable, and carbon-free energy availability for municipalities, manufacturing industries,
16 health care facilities, businesses, and residents; and

17 Whereas, global competition in the development and control of advanced nuclear technologies is
18 intensifying, with nations such as Russia and China making significant investments to lead in this
19 sector, thereby influencing global energy supply chains and geopolitical influence; and

20 Whereas, it is in the interest of the United States to maintain leadership in advanced nuclear
21 technology, ensuring that critical energy resources and technological capabilities remain within the
22 nation's control, thus supporting global security and economic stability; and

23 Whereas, developing and deploying advanced nuclear energy technologies requires a highly
24 skilled and specialized workforce, and investment in workforce development programs is essential to
25 ensure that New Hampshire and the United States have the talent and expertise needed to remain
26 competitive in this field; and

27 Whereas, the timely review and approval of licenses by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
28 (NRC) is critical to facilitating the deployment of advanced nuclear reactors in New Hampshire and
29 across the United States, ensuring the nation's ability to lead in this critical technological area; now,
30 therefore, be it

31 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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1 That advanced nuclear energy is hereby declared to be in the best interest of the state of New
2 Hampshire and the United States, supporting energy independence, economic growth, carbon-free
3 energy generation, and technological leadership; and

4 That the New Hampshire general court urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to prioritize
5 and expedite the review and approval process for advanced nuclear projects to ensure that the
6 United States remains a global leader in nuclear technology, thereby safeguarding the nation's
7 energy independence, security, and competitive advantage in the global marketplace; and

8 That the New Hampshire general court encourages the development of educational and
9 workforce training programs to build the highly skilled workforce necessary for advancing nuclear
10 energy technologies and maintaining the state's leadership in this critical industry; and

11 That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United
12 States, the Secretary of Energy, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
13 States House of Representatives, each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the
14 Chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Chair of the United States Senate's Committee on
15 Energy and Natural Resources, the Chair of the United States House of Representative's Committee
16 on Energy and Commerce, the Chair of the United States Senate's Committee on Environment and
17 Public Works, the governor of New Hampshire, the commissioners of the New Hampshire public
18 utilities commission, the commissioner of the New Hampshire department of energy, the
19 commissioner of the New Hampshire department of environmental services, the commissioner of the
20 New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, the director of workforce development
21 at the New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, and the New Hampshire state
22 librarian.