

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 250**

AN ACT

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BY A VOTE OF: 2-0

AMENDMENT # 1697s

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For the Committee

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