

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 690-FN**

AN ACT

directing the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategy decisions that impact ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1810s

Senator Kevin Avard  
For the Committee

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Max Taylor 271-1403

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