

Amendment to SB 590

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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3 2 New Subdivision; Science-Based Emissions Reduction Goals Study Committee. Amend RSA
4 125-O by inserting after section 29 the following new subdivision:

5 Science-Based Emissions Reduction Goals Study Committee

6 125-O:30 Science-Based Emissions Reduction Goals Study Committee.

7 I. There is established a committee to develop science-based emissions reduction goals for
8 the state of New Hampshire.

9 II. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

10 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the senate president. One member shall be
11 from the energy and natural resources committee, and one shall be from the health and human
12 services committee. One of the 2 members shall be from the minority party.

13 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives. Of the 3, one member shall be from the science, technology and energy
15 committee, and one shall be from the health and human services committee. One of the 3 members
16 shall be from the minority party.

17 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending
18 to the duties of the committee.

19 IV. The committee shall invite and receive public testimony from, including but not limited
20 to the following individuals and organizations:

21 (a) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

22 (b) The director of the office of strategic initiatives, or designee.

23 (c) The director of the division of public health services, department of health and
24 human services, or designee.

25 (d) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

26 (e) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.

27 (f) The chair of the public utilities commission, or designee.

28 (g) The New Hampshire Medical Society.

29 (h) The New Hampshire Public Health Association.

30 (i) The state's regulated utilities.

31 (j) Representatives from the New Hampshire environmental community, including the
32 Nature Conservancy and the Conservation Law Foundation.

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(k) Clean Energy NH.

(l) New Hampshire representatives of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

(m) Members of the New Hampshire business community, including the Business and Industry Association.

(n) Stay Work Play New Hampshire.

(o) The New Hampshire Municipal Association.

(p) The New Hampshire Hospital Association.

(q) The New Hampshire Nurses Association.

V. The committee shall consider and make specific recommendations on the following items:

(a) A science-based emissions reduction goal for the state to achieve by 2050, and the estimated costs and benefits, including public health, for achieving the goal.

(b) Interim goals for emission reductions in 2030 and 2040, necessary to meet the 2050 goal, and the estimated costs and benefits, including public health, for achieving those goals.

(c) The processes and timelines for developing implementation plans to achieve the science-based emissions reduction levels.

(d) Identify the state agencies responsible, including a lead agency, for developing, implementing and reporting on the emission reduction levels identified, as well as public health outcomes.

(e) For purposes of this study committee:

(1) "Public health" means the health and well-being of people and their communities to be achieved by preventing disease and injury and improving quality of life. Public health includes the protection of people and communities from diseases or injury caused directly or indirectly by air pollution from emissions including, but not limited to, extreme weather related illness such as dehydration, heat stroke, and from increases in diseases of the heart and lung, allergy-related illness, cases of vector-borne disease such as Lyme disease, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and West Nile virus, and water borne illness.

(2) "Emissions" means any chemical or physical substance that is emitted into the air and that may reasonably be anticipated to cause or contribute to climate change, including its associated public health impacts. This includes, but is not limited to, carbon dioxide, mercury, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, hydrocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride and particulates.

VI. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate

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1 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1 annually
2 beginning December 1, 2020. The report shall describe the activities and findings of the committee
3 and recommendations for proposed legislation and rulemaking by relevant agencies.
4 3 This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a statutory committee to develop science-based emissions reduction goals for the state of New Hampshire.