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SENATE BILL **233-FN**

AN ACT establishing an energy reliability and large-scale storage task force.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the energy reliability and large-scale storage task force to develop market-based solutions and programs for electric system reliability using energy storage and makes an appropriation to the department of energy to support the task force. The bill also repeals RSA 374-H:3 related to the department of energy investigation of energy storage.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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1 I. There is established the energy reliability task force. This public-private task force will
2 focus on the development of enhanced market-based structures and programs to support electric
3 system reliability using energy storage solutions and facilities. The task force shall be
4 administratively attached to the department of energy.

5 II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the task force shall be as follows:

6 (a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
7 of representatives.

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 (c) One representative of the department of energy, appointed by the commissioner.

10 (d) One representative of the business community, appointed by the president of the
11 Business and Industry Association.

12 (e) Three public members representing developers of energy storage systems, appointed
13 by the governor.

14 (f) One member from the electric utilities industry, appointed by the governor.

15 III. Members of the task force shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
16 the duties of the commission.

17 IV. The task force shall undertake the following duties:

18 (a) Investigate the current and growing electricity reliability challenges in the New
19 Hampshire and New England markets.

20 (b) Identify the role of energy storage in addressing short-term and long-term reliability
21 issues.

22 (c) Develop market-based solutions to incentivize the development and interconnection
23 of large-scale energy storage systems designed to enhance reliability.

24 (d) Evaluate any pilot programs for energy storage.

25 V. The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
26 first meeting of the task force shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of
27 the task force shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the
28 task force shall constitute a quorum.

29 VI. The task force shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
30 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
31 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2025.

32 3 Appropriation. The sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated to the department of energy to
33 fund the task force consultant and any related expenditures of the energy reliability task force
34 established in RSA 374-I:2. This appropriation shall be drawn from the renewable energy fund
35 established under RSA 362-F:10.

36 4 Definitions; Electric Utility Investment in Distributed Energy Resources. Amend RSA 374-
37 G:2, II(b) to read as follows:

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1 (b) Any "electric generation equipment" that qualifies as energy storage [~~as defined in~~
2 ~~RSA 374-H:1, III]~~ shall not be subject to any of the requirements of RSA 374-G:3.

3 5 Definitions; Electric Utility Restructuring. Amend RSA 374-F:2, IX to read as follows:

4 IX. "Distributed storage" or "DS" means qualifying storage systems as defined in RSA 362-
5 A:1-a, IX-a, **or** grid-integrated electric vehicles when they are interconnected to a New Hampshire
6 jurisdictional distribution grid behind a retail electric meter, [~~or energy storage as defined in RSA~~
7 ~~374-H:1, III,~~] that are not participating in any wholesale energy markets administered by ISO New
8 England as a registered asset or otherwise.

9 6 Repeal. The following are repealed:

10 I. RSA 374-I, relative to the energy reliability task force.

11 II. RSA 374-H:3, relative to the department of energy investigation of energy storage.

12 7 Effective Date.

13 I. Paragraph I of section 6 shall take effect December 1, 2025.

14 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

SB 233-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Up to \$250,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Department of Energy's Operating Budget			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Renewable Energy Fund			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes an energy reliability task force within the Department of Energy, which will be responsible for completing several specific duties and submitting a report by December 1, 2025. The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) to the Department to cover any necessary consultants or expenditures related to the task force's work. However, the Department is unable to estimate how much of the \$250,000 will be spent throughout the task force's duration.

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