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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the state energy policy.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the state energy policy to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the state energy policy.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Hampshire Energy Policy. RSA 378:37 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
2 378:37 New Hampshire Energy Policy.

3 It is the policy of the sovereign state of New Hampshire and purpose of this chapter, to promote
4 affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its
5 citizens.

6 I. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources to achieve the purpose of this
7 chapter, fostering a range of technology types, including reliable, on-demand, and firm resources,
8 while allowing for customer choice.

9 II. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources, tools, and infrastructure to
10 enhance the state's ability to ensure the state's energy independence by removing regulatory
11 barriers to innovation to ensure that the state can procure affordable, reliable, and secure energy
12 resources, consistent with RSA 362-F.

13 III. New Hampshire shall allow market forces and market-based mechanisms to drive
14 prudent use of energy resources. Government intervention to economically advantage one
15 technology over another shall be time-limited, narrow, and necessary to achieve a specific policy
16 goal.

17 IV. New Hampshire shall pursue energy conservation and efficiency according to market
18 principles, focusing on market transformation, and in accordance with cost-effective fiscal strategies
19 as authorized by the legislature, and consistent with RSA 374-F.

20 V. New Hampshire shall maintain an environment that allows for accurate market signals
21 while balancing affordable consumer prices, price stability, energy reliability, public health and
22 safety, and the financial stability of utilities and energy suppliers.

23 VI. State regulatory processes shall balance economic costs with the level of review
24 necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests, and where federal action is required,
25 New Hampshire will collaborate to encourage expedited federal review and action.

26 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.