



<b>BILL NUMBER &amp; TITLE:</b>	HB 761-FN, AN ACT Relative to Customer Energy Storage
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<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>OUGHT TO PASS (OTP)</b>

## SUMMARY

HB 761 directs the New Hampshire Department of Energy to adopt rules for the installation and use of customer energy storage systems. Additionally, it authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve tariffs and issue orders in adjudicated proceedings related to distributed storage.

The bill seeks to streamline regulatory processes for distributed storage and includes an important clarification that the PUC has authority to integrate storage into net metering programs.

## WHAT PROBLEM DOES THE BILL ADDRESS?

Currently, New Hampshire lacks **clear regulatory guidelines** for customer energy storage, creating uncertainty for:

- ⚡ **Homeowners and businesses** seeking to install distributed storage.
- ⚡ **Municipalities** looking to integrate local energy storage into Community Power programs and support resilience.
- ⚡ **The competitive energy market**, which relies on transparent, predictable rules and tariffs for fair market participation.

Without standardized rules, **deployment of energy storage remains slow**, preventing consumers from accessing lower energy costs and increased resilience against outages.

## BILL DETAILS

- ⚡ **Regulatory Rulemaking:** Directs the Department of Energy to establish rules for distributed storage.

- ⚡ **PUC Authority:** Grants the Public Utilities Commission the ability to approve tariffs and issue orders related to energy storage in the absence of such rules.
- ⚡ **Clarification on Net Metering:** Allows energy storage to be incorporated under New Hampshire's net energy metering (NEM) programs, ensuring customers can store and discharge energy while receiving fair compensation.

## WHY IS THE BILL NEEDED NOW?

- ⚡ **Increasing Consumer Demand for Batteries:** More homeowners and businesses are installing energy storage systems but lack clarity on how to monetize their investment. With the right market framework, home batteries can be deployed to lower costs for consumers and benefit all of New Hampshire.
- ⚡ **Grid Resilience & Cost Savings:** Energy storage reduces peak demand costs and enhances grid reliability during outages.
- ⚡ **Supports Competitive Market Participation:** By setting clear rules and tariffs, the bill enables Community Power Aggregations (CPAs) and competitive suppliers to leverage energy storage effectively.

## KEY POINTS & BENEFITS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

- ⚡ **Empowers Consumers:** Given the right regulatory clarity on rules for storage, homeowners and businesses can optimize energy storage investments.
- ⚡ **Enhances Grid Resilience:** Supports distributed storage to improve reliability and grid efficiency.
- ⚡ **Encourages Market Competition:** Establishing rules for storage will support storage innovations offered to customers on a voluntary and competitive basis.
- ⚡ **Facilitates Renewable Energy Growth:** Allows storage to integrate with solar and other renewables, maximizing customer benefits.