



BILL NUMBER & TITLE:	HB 759-FN, AN ACT Relative to Community Energy Generators
SPONSORS:	Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Sen. Watters, Dist 4
COMMITTEE:	House Science, Technology & Energy
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RECOMMENDATION:	OUGHT TO PASS (OTP)

SUMMARY

HB 759 builds on previous legislative efforts to enhance NH’s local energy market. The bill:

- ⚡ Allows Community Power Aggregations (CPAs) and Competitive Electric Power Suppliers (CEPS) to directly contract with net-metered power generators (>5 MW), provided both the generator and CPA/CEPS customers are in the same utility territory.
- ⚡ Enables community generators to receive compensation for energy and avoided capacity value from CPAs or CEPS.
- ⚡ Empowers cities, towns, and commercial entities to develop local power generation and use the output to offset wholesale load obligations for their suppliers or CPAs.

Current laws and retail market limitations—such as flaws in load settlement practices—prevent local power producers from properly accounting for their generation as a reduction in their supplier’s wholesale load obligations. HB 759 introduces true competition for net-metered distributed energy, ensuring cost reductions without shifting expenses to the broader utility customer base.

KEY POINTS & BENEFITS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

- ⚡ **Lowers Costs:** Enabling competitors to have access to the same price signals and tools as the utilities will allow more NH homes, businesses, and communities to benefit from lowered energy costs by leveraging local distributed energy.
- ⚡ **Bolsters Customer Choice:** Consumers know best how to spend their own money. By unlocking price signals, consumers will be able to make informed choices that meet their energy and budgetary needs.
- ⚡ **Expand Market Competition:** HB 759 expands market competition. It will provide competitors such as Community Power and Competitive Suppliers with the right incentives to compete to provide the most innovative and cost-effective energy solutions to customers on a voluntary basis.