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HB 630-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Barry, Hills 21

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

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Revised 01/28/13

### HB 630 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT repealing the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Services states this bill, **as introduced**, may decrease state restricted revenue and expenditures by \$3,960,000 in FY 2013 and by \$7,920,000 in FY 2014 and each year thereafter and may decrease county and local revenue and expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2013 and each year thereafter.

#### METHODOLOGY:

The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Services state this bill will repeal the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program as of January 1, 2013 so electric generation facilities located in New Hampshire would no longer be required to purchase regional greenhouse gas initiative allowances. As part of the repeal of the program, the Energy Efficiency Fund, which is funded by the sale of New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative allowances, is also repealed by this bill. This fund is used primarily to fund energy efficiency projects for state citizens, businesses, nonprofits, and governmental entities. These funds are also used to pay for the costs associated to administer the program. Assuming the 4 million New Hampshire allowances sell at the auction floor price of \$1.98 per allowance, state restricted revenue and expenditures would decrease by \$3,960,000 in FY 2013 and by \$7,920,000 in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There would also be an indeterminable decrease in county and local revenue and expenditures. The amount of revenue collected from auction proceeds over \$1 are refunded to default service customers and the amount up to a \$1 is used for CORE energy programs, after deducting administrative expenses (in FY 2012 administrative expenses were \$388,000 (\$165,000 for the Commission, \$220,000 for the Department, and \$3,000 for other state agencies)).

The Commission and Department assume RGGI will stay in effect throughout the other New England states where generators would continue to purchase RGGI allowances and incorporate that cost into their dispatch bids on the wholesale market. PSNH is the only utility in New Hampshire with a generation facility required to purchase RGGI allowances, therefore PSNH may experience a reduction in its direct cost to purchase allowances for the generation that it owns to serve its default service customers. PSNH will continue to receive 1.5 million free allowances under the Clean Power Act Bonus Allowance Program per year in 2013 and 2014, and PSNH may not need to buy as many allowances for its regulated power plant emissions in those years. Due to the 1.5 million bonus allowances and PSNH's projected operation of fossil fuel plants, its compliance obligation in 2015 and each year thereafter is estimated to be \$875,000. Based on information provided by the Department of Administrative Services, the state owned facilities purchased approximately 103,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, of which approximately 72,000,000 kilowatt hours comes from a competitive supplier whose price would not necessarily be impacted by this bill. The repeal of the regional greenhouse gas initiative program will have little impact on the electric rates in New Hampshire. Therefore, there would be little to no impact on state, county and local government electricity rates.

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Amended 03/21/13

## HB 630 FISCAL NOTE

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

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### METHODOLOGY:

The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Services state this bill requires the Commission to allocate at least 20% of proceeds to the Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF) to the low-income Core energy efficiency program. (The EEF consists of proceeds from New Hampshire's portion of auction revenues earned under the state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI.) The Commission and Department state that because the bill does not change the threshold amount of funds collected for the EEF, it has no effect on the costs of RGGI paid by ratepayers in the state and therefor has no effect on electric rates paid by state, county, and local governments. The Commission and Department state that, to the extent the EEF pays state, county, and local governments for energy efficiency upgrades through Core energy efficiency programs, those funds could be slightly reduced due to the bill's requirement that at least 20% be allocated to low-income energy efficiency projects. Any effects on state, county, and local energy expenditures as a result of these potential reductions are indeterminable.

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CHAPTER 240

HB 630-FN – FINAL VERSION

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240:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.

Approved: July 16, 2013

Effective Date: January 1, 2014

# Amendments

Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30  
March 5, 2013  
2013-0712h  
09/04

Amendment to HB 630-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senator Russell Prescott Chairman  
 Senator Bob Odell V Chairman  
 Senator Jeb Bradley  
 Senator Martha Fuller Clark  
 Senator Jeff Woodburn

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**Date: April 4, 2013**

**HEARINGS**

**Wednesday**

**4/10/2013**

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LOB 101

9:00 AM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

9:00 AM	HB306	(New Title) relative to New Hampshire's regional greenhouse gas initiative.
9:15 AM	HB630-FN	(New Title) relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program.
9:30 AM	HB542	relative to electric renewable portfolio standards.

**Sponsors:**

**HB306**

Rep. Laurence Rappaport

**HB630-FN**

Rep. Richard Barry

**HB542**

Rep. Naida Kaen

Rep. Rick Watrous

Rep. Beatriz Pastor

# SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Chris Cote, Legislative Aide*

**HB 630-FN – (New Title) relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program.**

Hearing Date: 4.17.13

Time Opened: 9:50am

Time Closed: 10:35AM

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Bradley, Fuller Clark, Odell, Prescott, and Woodburn

**Members of the Committee Absent:** none

**Bill Analysis:** This bill requires the public utilities commission to allocate certain proceeds from the energy efficiency fund to the low-income core energy efficiency program.

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**Sponsors:** Rep. Barry, Hills 21

**Who supports the bill:** Mike Fitzgerald NHDES, Jane Doherty, Richard Minard NH Community Loan Fund, Dan Feltes NH Legal Assistance, Larry Sunderland NH Audubon, Rep. Naida Kaen, Rep. David Bordeau, Rob Bower CAP, Ryan Cloutier CAP, Roger Stephenson CA-CP, Rep. Richard Barry, Marjorie Shepardson, Rep. Ian Raymond, Rep. Bill Baber, Jim O'Brien Nature Conservancy,

**Who opposes the bill:** none

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

- Rep. Richard Berry, this bill addresses the issue of low income people paying into the program and not getting anything in return, would like to increase the pool of money available to lower income people, 20% would go to these people,
- Rep. David Borden, supports the bill, bi-partisan bill, lower income people do not get the benefits of RGGI proceeds and this bill would give them 20%, many lower income people pay higher per foot utility costs than more comfortable people, every dollar that goes into the program generates savings, lower income people would see tremendous benefits from weatherization, energy efficiency is the most effective way to create energy independence,

- Q: Woodburn, how the distribution of these investments fall across the state, how can I help Coos County? A: this does not necessarily solve that specific problem, but there are ways and ideas to address concerns of the North Country, Q: It may be a greater portion going to those of the greater need,
- Richard Bernard, VP policy and programs, in support, NH Community Loan Fund, moved close to \$3 million to lower income weatherization projects, 20% would be a huge help and address the concerns of thousands of homes, the need is great across the state, there are usually immediate benefits seen in households, financial savings are excellent,
- Q: Odell, other weatherization programs? Did they go away? A: there are people here that can answer that better than I,
- Q: Fuller Clark, any ideas on how to increase the number to help more people? A: no relevant ideas
- Dan Feltis, attorney with NH Legal Assistance, help lower income people across the state, would suggest a 15% set aside and do not object to 20% set-aside, the CORE energy efficiency programs help with efficiency and single family homes, CORE money along with Federal and RGGI go into these programs, low income households face barriers that others do not, there is a need for 89,000 homes across the state to receive help in weatherization, better weatherized homes mean less money spent on energy and less overall assistance from government, every \$1 spent on weatherization leads to \$2.60 spent locally
- Q: Woodburn, how do folks apply? A: through fuel assistance, but there is not enough money to meet the need, Q: someone gets fuel assistance and then how are they introduced? A: there are folks here better qualified to answer that,
- Q: Odell, what roughly is 200% of Federal Poverty, A: there is a chart that I can send to committee,
- Rob Bowers, Community Action Program, in support of this bill, these funds need to be spent well and on people who need those funds, there are regulations and charts to show what funds do, people on fuel assistance are eligible for weatherization, but there are priorities such as families with children, elderly, infirm, and emergencies, there are crews out there weatherizing homes and buildings but it is a never ending struggle, money is an issue, for every 3 homes that are weatherized the fourth home heats for free for the rest of its existence, one touch program ensures that air quality, lead paint, and various concerns are addressed immediately, reducing fuel bills by 30-40% is huge, have the technology to study homes and state funds would ensure that money goes to NH residents, funds like those in this bill will make a big difference to a number of people and their homes, weatherized nearly 3200 homes
- Q: Woodburn, what do you replace? A: provide services to calculate metrics of efficiency, do not do siding and windows, but the most necessary issues such as air sealing and insulation fill, test appliances to ensure which is most

efficient, Q: Help me understand how apartment piece works, A: Ryan Clouthier, weatherization specialist, before work is done to an apartment building there are various benchmarks that must be met and the property owner might be required to match,

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None

**Fiscal Note:**

See Fiscal Note

**Future Action:**

CSC

Date hearing report completed: 4.19.13

[file: HB 0630 report]

# Speakers

# SENATE CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Date: 4.17.13

Time: 9:15am Public Hearing on HB 630-FN

HB 630-FN - (New Title) relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program.

Please check box(es) that apply:

SPEAKING	FAVOR	OPPOSED	NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Fitzgerald	SES
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Doherty	citizen
✓	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Minard	NH Community Loan Fund
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✓	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RICHARD BARRY	SPONSOR
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# Testimony



# COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

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April 17, 2013

Senator Russell Prescott  
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
LOB Room 101  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Senator Prescott and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, I write to recommend the passage of HB 630, a bill to dedicate at least 20 percent of the proceeds from RGGI auctions to low-income residential weatherization. Over the last two years, the Community Loan Fund has seen both the overwhelming need for weatherization funds and the dramatic personal and community benefits that flow from weatherization projects.

The Community Loan Fund has been working with the state's community action agencies to weatherize manufactured homes in resident-owned communities across New Hampshire. Thanks to the set-aside for low-income energy efficiency projects in the original RGGI statute, the Community Loan Fund received a grant in 2010 which leveraged federal weatherization money and state CORE funds. When the work is complete at the end of June, we expect to have insulated and repaired 425 homes at an average cost of approximately \$7,200 per home.

The insulation and other measures save the typical home 25 to 50 percent or approximately \$1,250 per year, a significant percentage of their income. In many households, energy auditors have identified and repaired serious carbon monoxide hazards and made homes more comfortable as well. The improvements in the wellbeing of the residents can be breathtaking.

Southern New Hampshire Services has weatherized more than 60 manufactured homes in Exeter, so it was not a surprise to receive a note from Christine Szostak, from the Town of Exeter's Planning and Building Department seeking expanded weatherization work there. "We are very happy with the outcome of the project here in Exeter," she wrote. "I know many low-income homeowners in Exeter could still use this service." She is hopeful that passage of BH 630 might make additional funds available for Exeter's low-income households. She mentioned a 250-unit manufactured housing community for people aged 55 and older where the need was particularly great.

To qualify for the free weatherization work, the household has to have an income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty limit. The 2010 U.S. Census reported that approximately 100,000 households in New Hampshire qualify and that only 11,000 of them have been weatherized since 1992.

Community Action Agencies in every part of New Hampshire have been involved and, through December 31, had weatherized 244 homes in 19 towns. A summary is included in the table below.

With the federal Weatherization Assistance Program shrinking, state funds are more important than ever for low-income weatherization work. Shifting the allocation of 5 percent of RGGI proceeds to assist low-income households is a start in addressing that need.

While New Hampshire's more affluent households and businesses can borrow for a new furnace or to insulate their attics, those with the lowest incomes in the state cannot. As a lender to manufactured housing cooperatives and many low-income homebuyers, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund knows that the households that qualify for the weatherization program cannot afford to finance this work themselves. Without assistance, their homes will not be made more efficient.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Minard, Jr.  
Vice President for Policy and Programs

*Mobik Home*

**Weatherization Project Results through December 2012**

Location	# homes completed	DOE \$	RGGI \$	CORE \$	Total \$
Allenstown	49	\$ 77,721	\$ 174,211	\$ 87,026	\$ 338,958
Belmont	1	\$ -	\$ 1,345	\$ 4,595	\$ 5,940
Berlin	17	\$ 47,258	\$ 69,190	\$ 18,030	\$ 134,477
Concord	19	\$ 58,446	\$ 88,986	\$ 17,689	\$ 165,121
Epsom	4	\$ -	\$ 31,412	\$ 8,316	\$ 39,728
Exeter	45	\$ 43,921	\$ 253,306	\$ 53,770	\$ 350,996
Gilford	10	\$ -	\$ 44,650	\$ 27,335	\$ 71,985
Goffstown	2	\$ 3,871	\$ 7,445	\$ 27	\$ 11,343
Hinsdale	11	\$ -	\$ 77,628	\$ 20,897	\$ 98,526
Manchester	6	\$ 14,304	\$ 22,774	\$ 3,751	\$ 40,829
Milford	5	\$ 3,951	\$ 35,467	\$ 10,121	\$ 49,539
Northumberland	25	\$ 23,282	\$ 113,006	\$ 73,278	\$ 209,566
Ossipee	17	\$ 14,896	\$ 89,275	\$ 65,309	\$ 169,480
Pembroke	2	\$ 3,376	\$ 4,337	\$ -	\$ 7,714
Plymouth	14	\$ 39,501	\$ 19,400	\$ 7,669	\$ 66,571
Rochester	3	\$ 7,414	\$ 4,777	\$ 5,580	\$ 17,771
Salem	4	\$ 2,715	\$ 8,829	\$ 9,670	\$ 21,214
Swanzy	2	\$ -	\$ 13,652	\$ 5,517	\$ 19,170
Tilton	4	\$ 8,933	\$ 9,239	\$ -	\$ 18,172
Winchester	4	\$ -	\$ 36,137	\$ 8,779	\$ 44,916
<b>Totals</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>\$ 349,590</b>	<b>\$ 1,105,066</b>	<b>\$ 427,359</b>	<b>\$ 1,882,015</b>

**Cote, Christopher**

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**From:** Dan Feltes [DFeltes@nhla.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 5:15 PM  
**To:** Prescott; Russell; Odell, Bob; Bradley, Jeb; Clark, Martha Fuller; Woodburn, Jeff; Odell, Bob  
**Cc:** Alan Linder; Cote, Christopher  
**Subject:** HB 630, tomorrow morning

Dear Senators Prescott, Odell, Bradley, Fuller Clark & Woodburn:

We are writing because we understand there is likely to be an exec session on HB 630 tomorrow morning. We would like to raise the following four points to consider:

First, there is no reason that HB 630 and SB 123 cannot co-exist.

Second, while the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has approved a low-income energy efficiency program set-aside of 15% of all energy efficiency related monies in the Core docket, there is no statutory requirement or PUC rule that energy efficiency monies from RGGI auction proceeds must be devoted to the low-income program, at any percentage level.

Third, if SB 123 passes and HB 630 does not pass, and assuming the PUC continues to apply a low-income energy efficiency program percentage set-aside to RGGI auction proceeds for energy efficiency, there might be confusion about what total amount the percentage applies to; i.e. the RGGI auction proceeds for energy efficiency v. the RGGI auction proceeds for energy efficiency minus the amounts required in SB 123.

Fourth, we understand that the effective date of HB 630 of July 1, 2013 has caused some concern about potential disruption in the energy efficiency programs. We think that concern can be alleviated by shifting the effective date to January 1, 2014.

Because there is a great need across the state for low-income energy efficiency, we respectfully recommend passage of HB 630. Dan will be present at the exec session tomorrow morning and happy to discuss any of the above in more detail, if so called upon.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Dan and Alan

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5/1/2013

## **HB 630-FN**

**Apr. 16, 2013**

Thank you for accomodating my schedule. I was on the West Coast last week.

For the record, my name is Dick Barry, representing Hillsborough 21, the 28,000 folks from Merrimack on the mighty Merrimack.

It is my pleasure to introduce HB 360-FN

First a brief history:

The Bill as drafted was essentially the same as HB 519, from 2011, which was a full repeal of RGGI.

That Bill passed the House 251-108, veto proof. It was at least 1 vote short in the Senate.

With the help of Senator Bradley, it was amended during the Committee of Conference, and addressed several of the issues.

After consultation with the Chair of the House ST&E Committee, I introduced this amended version of HB630.

The main reason: I can count!

This Bill addresses 1 significant issue:

Low Income folks pay into the program, and receive no direct benefit.

Programs can be implemented to direct energy efficiency projects directly to benefit these folks.



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April 17, 2013

Senator Russell Prescott  
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
LOB Room 101  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Senator Prescott and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, I write to recommend the passage of HB 630, a bill to dedicate at least 20 percent of the proceeds from RGGI auctions to low-income residential weatherization. Over the last two years, the Community Loan Fund has seen both the overwhelming need for weatherization funds and the dramatic personal and community benefits that flow from weatherization projects.

The Community Loan Fund has been working with the state's community action agencies to weatherize manufactured homes in resident-owned communities across New Hampshire. Thanks to the set-aside for low-income energy efficiency projects in the original RGGI statute, the Community Loan Fund received a grant in 2010 which leveraged federal weatherization money and state CORE funds. When the work is complete at the end of June, we expect to have insulated and repaired 425 homes at an average cost of approximately \$7,200 per home.

The insulation and other measures save the typical home 25 to 50 percent or approximately \$1,250 per year, a significant percentage of their income. In many households, energy auditors have identified and repaired serious carbon monoxide hazards and made homes more comfortable as well. The improvements in the wellbeing of the residents can be breathtaking.

Southern New Hampshire Services has weatherized more than 60 manufactured homes in Exeter, so it was not a surprise to receive a note from Christine Szostak, from the Town of Exeter's Planning and Building Department seeking expanded weatherization work there. "We are very happy with the outcome of the project here in Exeter," she wrote. "I know many low-income homeowners in Exeter could still use this service." She is hopeful that passage of BH 630 might make additional funds available for Exeter's low-income households. She mentioned a 250-unit manufactured housing community for people aged 55 and older where the need was particularly great.

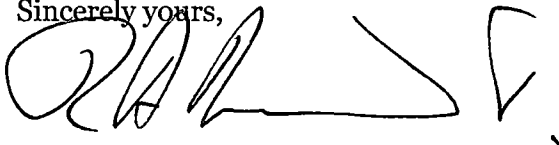
To qualify for the free weatherization work, the household has to have an income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty limit. The 2010 U.S. Census reported that approximately 100,000 households in New Hampshire qualify and that only 11,000 of them have been weatherized since 1992.

Community Action Agencies in every part of New Hampshire have been involved and, through December 31, had weatherized 244 homes in 19 towns. A summary is included in the table below.

With the federal Weatherization Assistance Program shrinking, state funds are more important than ever for low-income weatherization work. Shifting the allocation of 5 percent of RGGI proceeds to assist low-income households is a start in addressing that need.

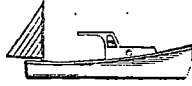
While New Hampshire's more affluent households and businesses can borrow for a new furnace or to insulate their attics, those with the lowest incomes in the state cannot. As a lender to manufactured housing cooperatives and many low-income homebuyers, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund knows that the households that qualify for the weatherization program cannot afford to finance this work themselves. Without assistance, their homes will not be made more efficient.

Sincerely yours,



Richard A. Minard, Jr.  
Vice President for Policy and Programs

Weatherization Project Results through December 2012					
Location	# homes completed	DOE \$	RGGI \$	CORE \$	Total \$
Allenstown	49	\$ 77,721	\$ 174,211	\$ 87,026	\$ 338,958
Belmont	1	\$ -	\$ 1,345	\$ 4,595	\$ 5,940
Berlin	17	\$ 47,258	\$ 69,190	\$ 18,030	\$ 134,477
Concord	19	\$ 58,446	\$ 88,986	\$ 17,689	\$ 165,121
Epsom	4	\$ -	\$ 31,412	\$ 8,316	\$ 39,728
Exeter	45	\$ 43,921	\$ 253,306	\$ 53,770	\$ 350,996
Gilford	10	\$ -	\$ 44,650	\$ 27,335	\$ 71,985
Goffstown	2	\$ 3,871	\$ 7,445	\$ 27	\$ 11,343
Hinsdale	11	\$ -	\$ 77,628	\$ 20,897	\$ 98,526
Manchester	6	\$ 14,304	\$ 22,774	\$ 3,751	\$ 40,829
Milford	5	\$ 3,951	\$ 35,467	\$ 10,121	\$ 49,539
Northumberland	25	\$ 23,282	\$ 113,006	\$ 73,278	\$ 209,566
Ossipee	17	\$ 14,896	\$ 89,275	\$ 65,309	\$ 169,480
Pembroke	2	\$ 3,376	\$ 4,337	\$ -	\$ 7,714
Plymouth	14	\$ 39,501	\$ 19,400	\$ 7,669	\$ 66,571
Rochester	3	\$ 7,414	\$ 4,777	\$ 5,580	\$ 17,771
Salem	4	\$ 2,715	\$ 8,829	\$ 9,670	\$ 21,214
Swanzy	2	\$ -	\$ 13,652	\$ 5,517	\$ 19,170
Tilton	4	\$ 8,933	\$ 9,239	\$ -	\$ 18,172
Winchester	4	\$ -	\$ 36,137	\$ 8,779	\$ 44,916
Totals	244	\$ 349,590	\$ 1,105,066	\$ 427,359	\$ 1,882,015



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Testimony on HB 630 RGGI to Chairman Senator Russell Prescott and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy

Thank you Mr. Chairman

A bipartisan majority of the Committee on Science Technology and Energy agreed with the sponsor of this bill.

RGGI limits the fossil fuels used in the generation of electricity. Generators must pay for allowances which enable them to exceed these limits.

The proceeds of the allowances are distributed by our electric utilities for energy efficiency projects.

The sponsor of this bill wanted to ensure the allocation of 20% of the RGGI proceeds to low income families.

Approximately 89,000 New Hampshire homes are owned or occupied by low income families. Many of these homes consume more energy per square foot and pay more per unit of energy than the general public.

And the impact is cumulative. Organizations which track investments in NH have shown that a \$1,000 investment in low income weatherization generates a \$250 savings per year forever.

Energy efficiency is our most effective way to create energy independence. This bill ensures that the families who need it the most have better access to it.

Rep. David Borden, Chair. House Science, Technology and Energy Committee



# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: 5.2.2013

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources  
to which was referred House Bill 630-FN

AN ACT (New Title) relative to the use of proceeds from the  
regional greenhouse gas initiative program.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1522s

Senator Martha Fuller Clark  
For the Committee

Chris Cote 271-3067

## New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

**Docket of HB630**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** (New Title) relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program.*Official Docket of HB630:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/3/2013	H	<b>Introduced</b> 1/3/2013 and Referred to Science, Technology and Energy; <b>HJ 12</b> , PG.203
2/13/2013	H	Public Hearing: 2/26/2013 2:30 PM LOB 304
2/13/2013	H	Full Committee Work Session: 2/28/2013 1:00 PM LOB 304
2/21/2013	H	Executive Session: 3/5/2013 1:00 PM LOB 304
3/7/2013	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0712h(NT) for Mar 20 (Vote 16-3; Part I, RC); <b>HC 23</b> PG.583
3/7/2013	H	Proposed Committee Amendment <b>#2013-0712h</b> (New Title); <b>HC 23</b> PG.641
3/13/2013	H	Special Ordered to Next Session Without Objection; <b>HJ 26</b> , PG.826
3/20/2013	H	Amendment #0712h(NT): AA <b>RC</b> 204-153; <b>HJ 27</b> , PG.852-854
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3/21/2013	S	Introduced and Referred to Energy & Natural Resources
4/11/2013	S	Hearing: 4/17/13, Room 101, LOB, 9:15 a.m.; <b>SC16</b>
5/10/2013	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2013-1522s</b> , 5/23/13; <b>SC21</b>
5/23/2013	S	Committee Amendment 1522s, AA, VV;
5/23/2013	S	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 1522s, MA, VV; OT3rdg;
6/5/2013	H	House Concurs with Senate AM #1522s (Rep Borden): MA VV; <b>HJ49</b> , PG.1565
6/12/2013	S	Enrolled
6/14/2013	H	Enrolled, Recess of 6/5/13; <b>HJ49</b> , PG.1654
7/17/2013	H	Signed By Governor 07/16/2013; Effective 01/01/2014; Chapter 0240

NH House

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# Other Referrals

HB 630

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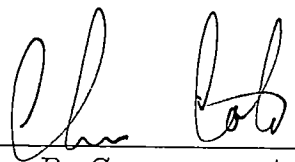
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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

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\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 8.13.13

  
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