

Bill as Introduced

SB 178 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **178**

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SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Rep. Kaen, Straf 5

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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Sen. Reagan, Dist. 17
February 13, 2013
2013-0336s
04/03

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

- ✓ Senator Sharon Carson Chairman
- ✓ Senator Sam Cataldo V Chairman
- ✓ Senator John Reagan
- ✓ Senator Donna Soucy
- ✓ Senator David Watters

*9:55 open
Close
10:05 AM*

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Bill Status

Docket

Calendar

Proof: Calendar Bill Status

Date: February 7, 2013

HEARINGS

Wednesday

2/13/2013

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SH 100

9:00 AM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Comments: Please note the removal of SB 181-FN-A and SB 180-FN-A, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectfully. These bills will be rescheduled at a later date.

- 9:00 AM SB135-FN relative to the regulation of the practice of genetic counseling.
- 9:15 AM SB155-FN-A relative to production of a Civil War commemorative bottle by the state liquor commission.
- 9:30 AM SB176-FN relative to waivers of charitable trusts filing fees.
- 9:45 AM SB178 establishing a committee to review and make recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy positions throughout state departments.

Sponsors:

SB135-FN

Sen. Sharon Carson
Rep. Laurie Harding

Sen. Bette Lasky

Sen. Peggy Gilmour

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

SB155-FN-A

Sen. David Watters
Rep. Terie Norelli

Sen. David Boutin

Rep. David Hess

Rep. Janet Wall

SB176-FN

Sen. Jeb Bradley

SB178

Sen. Martha Fuller Clark

Sen. Bob Odell

Rep. Naida Kaen

**SENATE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

Deb Chroniak, Legislative Aide

SB 178 – establishing a committee to review and make recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy positions throughout state departments.

HEARING DATE: February 13, 2013

Time Opened: 9:55 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:05 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Cataldo, Reagan, Soucy, and Watters

Members of the Committee Absent: No one

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to review and make recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy positions throughout state departments.

Sponsor(s): Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Rep. Kaen, Straf 5

Who supports the bill: Senator Fuller Clark, Jim O'Brien, the Nature Conservancy.

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Neutral position: Meredith Hatfield, Director, Office of Energy and Planning

Summary of testimony received: Senator Fuller Clark brought this bill forward stating that she believes it is important to understand the genesis of requesting this legislation.

- There are people working on energy issues sprinkled throughout state agencies, i.e., the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Environmental Services, the Office of Energy and State Planning, which are the most obvious areas where people are assigned to address energy issues and their implementation.
- Difficult for public to know which department to look to for guidance or information on energy policy, energy grants, etc.
- The Office of Energy and Planning is presently part of the Executive Branch and is that really the best place for it to be aligned with.

- Hoping the outcome is to represent a new department (which has happened in other states).
- Where is the best place where there are existing departments in the Executive Branch to be able to consolidate and bring together this diverse group, so that it will be more focused and effective in directing the energy policies of the state.

Senator Reagan asked if this could not be resolved by the Governor as an Executive Order or does this call for the Legislature. **Senator Clark** stated she believes it needs to be resolved through the Legislature and that there are possibilities of duplications of services where there is confusion and possible issues of communication. She believes the issue needs to be raised as to whether or not the Office of Energy and Planning should be an appendage of the Executive Branch, or if the work of this office should be brought in under other individuals who work in the energy field.

- Could result in cost savings to the state, but it needs to be looked at in detail.

Senator Carson asked if one member of the Senate would suffice on the Committee and not the requested two; **Senator Fuller Clark** was not opposed to that change in the legislation.

Senator Watters asked if there was a sense of what some of these departments think about this legislation. **Senator Fuller Clark** stated that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) said that one of the difficulties they have is that they also act in a semi-judicial role with regard to dockets at the Public Utility Commission (as they sit on the site review committee). It may be more logical a place to develop a stronger Department of Energy under the DES or possibly the Department of Economic Development because they do not have the same semi-judicial capacity.

- No one has come to her stating this legislation was a bad idea.

Neutral Position:

Meredith Hatfield, Director, Office of Energy and Planning. On the energy-side of their office they administer several programs primarily funded by the federal government.

- Their office would be a resource if this legislation moved forward.
- There are some conflicting roles, for example, the PUC has challenges when a policy issue arises and you look to them for assistance; they cannot provide that.
- Stated that it does make sense to take a look at these issues.
- Many states have done that in recent years and have made changes on how their executive offices are organized.

Funding: N/A

Future Action: **Senator Reagan** motioned OTP on the amendment. **Senator Soucy** seconded that motion. The committee voted 5-0 in support. **Senator Reagan** motioned OTP/A. **Senator Soucy** seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0 in support. **Senator Soucy** moved that it be placed on the consent calendar and that was seconded by **Senator Reagan**. **Senator Watters** will report the bill out of Committee.

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[file: SB 0178 report]

Date: 02-15-13

Speakers

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Date: February 15, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration
to which was referred Senate Bill 178

AN ACT establishing a committee to review and make
 recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy
 positions throughout state departments.

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

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0352s

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 5-0

Senator David Watters for the Committee

This bill establishes a committee to review and make recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy positions throughout state departments. The amendment changes the number of Senators assigned to this Committee from two to one and adds two additional House members appointed by the Speaker.

Deb Chroniak 271-1403

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB178

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: establishing a committee to review and make recommendations regarding consolidating all state energy positions throughout state departments.

Official Docket of SB178:

Date	Body	Description
1/31/2013	S	Introduced and Referred to Executive Dept. & Admin
2/5/2013	S	Hearing: 2/13/13, Room 100, SH, 9:45 a.m.; SC8
2/20/2013	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2013-0352s , 3/7/13; Vote 5-0; CC; SC10
3/7/2013	S	Sen. Fuller-Clark Moved to Remove SB 178 from the Consent Calendar
3/7/2013	S	Committee Amendment 0352s, AA, VV
3/7/2013	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 0352s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 6
3/27/2013	H	Introduced and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; HJ31 , PG.1075
4/3/2013	H	Public Hearing: 4/10/2013 1:30 PM LOB 306
4/10/2013	H	Executive Session: 4/16/2013 1:30 PM LOB 306
4/18/2013	H	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for April 24 (Vote 16-0; CC); HC33 , PG.1093
4/24/2013	H	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA VV; HJ38 , PG.1241

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

SB 178 ORIGINAL REFERRAL _____ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

- DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
- COMMITTEE REPORT
- CALENDAR NOTICE
- HEARING REPORT
- HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
- PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS
- SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

AMENDMENT # 03365 _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

- AMENDMENT # 03525 _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED _____ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

_____ FINAL VERSION _____ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK

7-24-13


BY COMMITTEE AIDE