

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

May 24, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to
which was referred SB 78-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to continually appropriating the
renewable energy fund to the public utilities
commission. Having considered the same, report the
same with the following amendment, and the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH
AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Science, Technology and Energy
Bill Number:	SB 78-FN
Title:	relative to continually appropriating the renewable energy fund to the public utilities commission.
Date:	May 24, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-1562h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill allows the expenditure, without interruption, of funds accumulated in the renewable energy fund. Since 2017, these expenditures were often delayed for administrative purposes by the transition from one fiscal year to the next. As amended by the committee, the funds can be spent from one year to the next without interruption unless there is no budget due to a veto or a failure to pass a budget. Then, approval by the fiscal committee will be required. The committee amendment also adds hydrogen derived from water as a permissible fuel to qualify for renewable energy credits under the renewable portfolio standard. Vote: 20-0

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Douglas Thomas
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Amendment to SB 78-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to continually appropriating the renewable energy fund to the public utilities
4 commission, and relative to clarifying certain electric renewable energy classification.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Renewable Energy Fund; Continual Appropriation. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:

9 I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This *nonlapsing* special fund shall
10 be ~~[nonlapsing]~~ *continually appropriated to the commission to be expended in accordance*
11 *with this section; provided however if there is no adopted state operating budget, then*
12 *during the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the fiscal committee*
13 *of the general court may upon request of the commission approve expenditures from the*
14 *renewable energy fund.* The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided
15 by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the
16 fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining
17 moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section, excluding class II moneys, shall be
18 used by the commission to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives. Class II
19 moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All
20 initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the commission as deemed
21 necessary. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter,
22 but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No
23 new employees shall be hired by the commission due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in
24 class I production.

25 2 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards; Electric Renewable Energy Classes; Class I. Amend
26 RSA 362-F:4, I (c) to read as follows:

27 (c) Hydrogen derived from biomass fuels, *water*, or methane gas.

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Amendment to
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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that moneys in the renewable energy fund shall be continually appropriated to the public utilities commission for the programs and expenditures funded from the fund. The bill also clarifies the renewable energy class for hydrogen derived from water.

Voting Sheets

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<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Vose, Michael Chairman	x		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	x		
Harrington, Michael D.	x		
Notter, Jeanine M.	x		
. Melvin, Charles	x		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	x		
Berezhny, Lex	x		
Bernardy, JD	x		
Cambrils, Jose E.	x		
Ploszaj, Tom	x		
White, Nick D.	x		
Somssich, Peter F.	x		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.	x		
Mann, John E.	x		
Oxenham, Lee Walker	x		
Vincent, Kenneth S.			x
McGhee, Kat	x		
McWilliams, Rebecca J.	x		
Chretien, Jacqueline H.	x		
Pimentel, Roderick L.	x		
Parshall, Lucius	x		

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Hearing Minutes

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill SB78 on 2021-04-19

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Testimony

Archived: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 2:47:12 PM
From: [Karen Contos](#)
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 10:13:03 AM
To: [~House Science Technology and Energy](#)
Subject: Support SB78
Importance: Normal

Hi House ST&E Committee,

One of the best ways to support clean energy is to give residents a clean energy rebate. By residents installing their own clean energy, in effect, the state reduces their GHG emissions for free! Solar installations are expensive, \$20-30,000 installed.

To meet the Paris climate accord, states need to reduce their GHG emissions. Providing rebates to homeowners is a cheap way to get clean energy. Much cheaper than installing solar on government roofs.

Please pass SB78 to annually appropriate the renewable energy fund.

Thank you,

Karen

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Karen M. Contos
Merrimack, NH

Bill as
Introduced

SB 78-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0868

10/06

SENATE BILL **78-FN**

AN ACT relative to continually appropriating the renewable energy fund to the public utilities commission.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that moneys in the renewable energy fund shall be continually appropriated to the public utilities commission for the programs and expenditures funded from the fund.

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 One

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**SB 78-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to continually appropriating the renewable energy fund to the public utilities commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, as introduced, as it is awaiting information from the Public Utilities Commission. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the Senate Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Public Utilities Commission