

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 3, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to  
which was referred HB 1331,**

**AN ACT relative to power line maintenance and  
construction. Having considered the same, report the  
same with the following amendment, and the  
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH  
AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Tom Ploszaj**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Science, Technology and Energy</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 1331</b>
Title:	<b>relative to power line maintenance and construction.</b>
Date:	<b>March 3, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-0140h</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

New Hampshire does not license contractors for power line extensions. This bill fixes the language to allow utilities to continue their existing practice of using utility approved certified contractors for power line extensions.

Vote 22-0.

Rep. Tom Ploszaj  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Science, Technology and Energy

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Rep. Tom Ploszaj for Science, Technology and Energy. New Hampshire does not license contractors for power line extensions. This bill fixes the language to allow utilities to continue their existing practice of using utility approved certified contractors for power line extensions.

**Vote 22-0.**

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Rep. Baroody, Hills. 43  
January 18, 2022  
2022-0140h  
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**Amendment to HB 1331**

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Service Equipment of Public Utilities; Installation and Maintenance of Power Lines. Amend  
4 RSA 370:12 to read as follows:

5 370:12 Installation of Power Line Extensions. Any New Hampshire utility customer that  
6 requires a power line extension located on private property may hire a contractor who is [~~licensed in~~  
7 ~~the state of New Hampshire and is~~] approved by the utility. Such contractor shall supply and install  
8 materials specified by the local utility for underground and overhead line extensions, the cost of  
9 which shall be borne by the utility customer.

**Amendment to HB 1331**

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill allows any New Hampshire utility customer that requires a power line extension located on private property to hire any contractor who is approved by the utility.





2022 SESSION

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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		
Merner, Troy E.	x		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	x		
Berezhny, Lex	x		
Bernardy, JD	x		
Cambrils, Jose E.	x		
Ploszaj, Tom	x		
White, Nick D.	x		
Lewicki, John	x		
<del>Somssich, Peter F.</del> Massimilla, Linda	x		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.	x		
Mann, John E.	x		
Oxenham, Lee Walker	x		
<del>Vincent, Kenneth S.</del> Telerski, Laura	x		
McGhee, Kat	x		
<del>McWilliams, Rebecca J.</del> Sykes, George	x		
Chretien, Jacqueline H.	x		
Pimentel, Roderick L.	x		



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Vose, Michael Chairman	x		
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Notter, Jeanine M.	x		
Merner, Troy E.	x		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	x		
Berezhny, Lex	x		
Bernardy, JD	x		
Cambrils, Jose E.	x		
Ploszaj, Tom	x		
White, Nick D.	x		
Lewicki, John	x		
<del>Somssich, Peter F.</del> Massimilla, Linda	x		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.	x		
Mann, John E.	x		
Oxenham, Lee Walker	x		
<del>Vincent, Kenneth S.</del> Telerski, Laura	x		
McGhee, Kat	x		
<del>McWilliams, Rebecca J.</del> Sykes, George	x		
Chretien, Jacqueline H.	x		
Pimentel, Roderick L.	x		



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1331**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to power line maintenance and construction.

**DATE:** January 18, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 3:30 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 3:50 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Vose, Thomas, Plett, Harrington, Notter, Merner, Berezhny, Bernardy, Cambrils, Ploszaj, Cali-Pitts, Mann, Oxenham, McGhee, McWilliams, Chretien, Pimentel and Parshall

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Baroody**

**Rep. Osborne**

**TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Baroody – what is intended to be crossed out is “licensed in State of NH”. Gist of bill is that a utility approved contractor to do line extensions. This is current law but many are not licensed and therefore they are breaking law. They come from out of state often. Chretien – power line extensions only? Adequate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Fred Plett



# House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill HB1331 on 2022-01-18

Support: 1 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Rosenberger, Teresa	Manchester, NH trosenberger@bssn.com	A Lobbyist	NH Telephone Association	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 6:13 PM
Reardon, Donna	Concord, NH bugs42953@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 8:20 AM

**HB 1331 - AS INTRODUCED**

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            ***1331***

AN ACT                relative to power line maintenance and construction.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Baroody, Hills. 43; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 4

COMMITTEE:          Science, Technology and Energy

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows any New Hampshire utility customer that requires a power line extension located on private property to hire any contractor who is licensed in the state of New Hampshire.

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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 Two*

AN ACT relative to power line maintenance and construction.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 Service Equipment of Public Utilities; Installation and Maintenance of Power Lines. Amend  
2 RSA 370:12 to read as follows:

3       370:12 Installation of Power Line Extensions. Any New Hampshire utility customer that  
4 requires a power line extension located on private property may hire a contractor who is licensed in  
5 the state of New Hampshire ~~[and is approved by the utility]~~. Such contractor shall supply and  
6 install materials specified by the local utility for underground and overhead line extensions, the cost  
7 of which shall be borne by the utility customer.

8       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.