

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 14, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to
which was referred SB 440-FN,**

**AN ACT (New Title) relative to the office of offshore
wind industry development. Having considered the
same, report the same with the recommendation that
the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Science, Technology and Energy
Bill Number:	SB 440-FN
Title:	(New Title) relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.
Date:	April 14, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill directs the Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development to advise on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources. This bill also requires the office to generate a report relative to the same. Without this legislation, the state would not be able to engage with the federal government on offshore development.

Vote 18-0.

Rep. Douglas Thomas
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Science, Technology and Energy

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 440-FN

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.

DATE: April 12, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306 - 308

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Thomas

Seconded by Rep. Cambrils

Vote: 18-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Fred Plett, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

 Bill #: SB440 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 4/12/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Vose, Michael Chairman	18		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	1		
Harrington, Michael D.	2		
Notter, Jeanine M. Rep. <i>Lars</i>			
Merner, Troy E.	3		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk Rep. <i>Sheehan</i>	4		
Berezhny, Lex			
Bernardy, JD			
Cambrils, Jose E.	5		
Ploszaj, Tom	6		
White, Nick D.	7		
Somssich, Peter F.	8		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.	9		
Mann, John E.	10		
Oxenham, Lee Walker	11		
Lewicke, John	12		
Vincent, Kenneth S.	.		
McGhee, Kat	13		
McWilliams, Rebecca J. Rep. <i>Gottling</i>	14		
Chretien, Jacqueline H. Rep. <i>Safflamme</i>	15		
Pimentel, Roderick L.	16		



2022 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #:	Motion:	AM #:	Exec Session Date:
Parshall, Lucius			17
TOTAL VOTE:			18 0

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 440-FN

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.

DATE: April 5, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Thomas, Plett, Harrington, Notter, Merner, Berezhny, Bernardy, Cambrils, Ploszaj, White, Somssich, Cali-Pitts, Mann, Oxenham, Lewicke, Vincent, McGhee, McWilliams, Pimentel and Parshall

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Watters

Sen. Sherman

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Avarad

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Soucy

Sen. Cavanaugh

Sen. Prentiss

Rep. Cali-Pitts

Rep. McGhee

Rep. Wall

TESTIMONY

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

Senator Watters: This bill is about protecting NH's interests. Governor Sununu is interested in the economic benefits. There is a task force with ME, MA and NH – next meeting May 14th. The Governor authorized an RFP to the offshore wind industry. Timing is good for the bill. We need a report and lease areas identified for an auction in 2024. The contracts need to be reasonable, and cost effective for consumers. SB268 interlinks with this bill. We get regulatory extending from 3 miles out to a full 200 miles. We need to study what to do with the resulting RECs. Rep. Plett – will the fully funded Offshore Wind Industry Development office be big enough? Answer – Yes. Rep. Harrington – that office already exists, shouldn't it be doing this anyway? Why legislation? Answer – definitely additional duties. Rep. Thomas – no reference to the Commission.

Griffin Roberge, DOE – Department neutral on the bill. Bill does 2 things, section 2 requirement to generate a report lines 6-25. He is confident that the report can be completed. Harrington – expansion of duties? Yes – advising other agencies.

Asst. Commissioner Mark Sanborn, DES. Whether you are for, against, or neutral about offshore wind, this bill provides needed federal consistency, can't do anything at a state level without the bill. The bill will give NH a seat at the table., a voice.

Blue sheet – 1 pro. Online, 33 pro, zero con.

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill SB440 on 2022-04-05

Support: 37 Oppose: 0 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>
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Rosenwald, Cindy	Nashua, NH cindy.rosenwald@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support	No	No	4/1/2022 11:51 AM
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Archived: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:40:37 AM
From: [Roberge, Griffin](#)
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To: ~House Science Technology and Energy
Cc: [Carrie Morris](#); [Kristin Grant](#); [David Watters](#); [Cameron Lapine](#); [Roberge, Griffin](#)
Subject: SB 440-FN
Importance: Normal

Good morning:

I'm following up on the NH Department of Energy's testimony yesterday on Senator Watters' [SB 440-FN](#), relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.

I was asked a question about Section 1 of the bill and whether it expands the Office's duties. Section 1 of the bill would add a new duty to the Office to advise the governor, state agencies, the public utilities commission, and the legislature on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources. The office does have other duties per state statute under [RSA 12-P:7-b](#) – please click on the hyperlink. I wanted to send along that statute for the committee's reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very best,

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David Holt

I support this bill

SB 440-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2022 SESSION

22-3011

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SENATE BILL **440-FN**

AN ACT relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 27; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the office of offshore wind industry development to advise on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources. This bill also requires the office to generate a report relative to the same.

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 the office of offshore wind industry development.

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

1 1 New Subparagraph; Department of Energy; Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development.

2 Amend RSA 12-P:7-b, II by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

3 (f) Advise the governor, state agencies, the public utilities commission, and the
4 legislature on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of
5 power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources.

6 2 Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development; Report; Clean Energy Resources.

7 I. The office of offshore wind industry development shall report, after consultation with
8 other state agencies, public utilities, and any relevant stakeholders, on its recommendations
9 regarding the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of power
10 by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources. The report shall include, but not be limited
11 to:

12 (a) Recommendations on the criteria for evaluating power purchase agreements for
13 procurement of electricity or hydrogen produced by wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine. These
14 recommendations shall include criteria for determining whether such contracts: are commercially
15 reasonable and cost effective for electric ratepayers in New Hampshire; provide adequate energy
16 with enhanced electricity distribution reliability; have environmental benefits; and create and foster
17 employment, training, manufacturing, and other economic development in New Hampshire.

18 (b) Recommendations concerning actions necessary to comply with consistency and
19 mitigation recommendations by the New Hampshire coastal program and other actions to avoid,
20 minimize, and mitigate impacts to wildlife, natural resources, ecosystems, and traditional or existing
21 water-dependent uses, including but not limited to, commercial and recreational fishing and transit
22 lanes and other commercial and recreational maritime activities.

23 (c) Recommendations on the utility use of renewable energy credits accrued through
24 contracts for offshore wind energy.

25 II. The office shall issue its report on or before June 30, 2024. Said report shall be delivered
26 to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the senate
27 energy committee, the chair of the house science, technology and energy committee, and the
28 governor.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SB 440-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2022-0596s)

AN ACT relative to the office of offshore wind industry development.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

METHODOLOGY:

This bill directs the Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development, Department of Energy to advise on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine and the purchase of power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources. This bill also requires the office to generate a report relative to the same. The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended by the Senate, has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Energy