

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1331

Bill as Introduced

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Approved: May 27, 2022
Effective Date: July 26, 2022

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair
Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair
Sen James Gray, Member
Sen David Watters, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: April 20, 2022

HEARINGS

Monday	04/25/2022	
(Day)	(Date)	
Energy and Natural Resources	State House 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	HB 1258	relative to the implementation of the department of energy.
9:10 a.m.	HB 1270	repealing the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services.
9:20 a.m.	HB 1285	relative to the multi-use energy data platform.
9:30 a.m.	HB 1331	relative to power line maintenance and construction.
9:40 a.m.	HB 1148	relative to prohibiting government entities subordinate to the state from restricting the types of fuel sources that may be used for energy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 1258

Rep. Harrington

Rep. Vose

HB 1270

Rep. Thomas

Rep. Merner

Rep. Notter

Rep. Harley

Rep. Lang

Sen. Carson

HB 1285

Rep. McGhee

Rep. Oxenham

HB 1331

Rep. Baroody

Rep. Osborne

HB 1148

Rep. Plett

Daley Frenette 271-3042

Kevin A. Avard
Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Daley Frenette 271-3042

HB 1331, relative to power line maintenance and construction.

Hearing Date: April 25, 2022

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Giuda, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill 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.

Sponsors:

Rep. Baroody

Rep. Osborne

Who supports the bill: Representative Vose, Rockingham-District 9, Representative Thomas, Rockingham-District 5, Representative Plett, Hillsborough-District 6, Donna Gamache, Eversource.

Who opposes the bill: Julie Smith.

Who is neutral on the bill: Josh Elliot, NHDOE.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Gray, Senate District 6

- Senator Gray introduce the bill in place of the prime sponsor.

Josh Elliot, NHDOE

- The Department of Energy takes no position on this bill. However, he pointed out that there is no license that currently exists to do this so striking a reference to a license in statute that does not exist. The language is still retained and utility approval is still required.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 25, 2022

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB1331 on 2022-0

Support: 0 Oppose: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # 1331

Hearing Date: 4/25/22

Executive Session Date: 4/26/22

Motion of: OTP Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Gray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: ~~Denial 1751P~~ Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Censure Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Perkins Kwoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Sen. Perkins Kwoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Watters

Notes: _____

Committee Report

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1331, relative to power line maintenance and construction.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator David Watters for the committee.

HB 1331 will allow 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. The Department of Energy took no position on this bill. Utility approval will still be required

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB1331

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to power line maintenance and construction.*Official Docket of HB1331.:*

Date	Body	Description
11/20/2021	H	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Science, Technology and Energy
1/13/2022	H	Public Hearing: 01/18/2022 03:30 pm LOB 306-308
2/28/2022	H	Executive Session: 02/28/2022 10:00 a.m. LOB306-308
3/7/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-0140h (Vote 22-0; CC)
3/16/2022	H	Amendment #2022-0140h : AA VV 03/15/2022 HJ 6
3/16/2022	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-0140h: MA VV 03/15/2022 HJ 6
3/22/2022	S	Introduced 03/17/2022 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 6
4/20/2022	S	Hearing: 04/25/2022, Room 103, SH, 09:30 am; SC 17
4/26/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/05/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 18
5/5/2022	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/05/2022; SJ 11
5/24/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/12/2022); SJ 13
5/24/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/12/2022 HJ 13
6/1/2022	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 05/27/2022; Chapter 115; 07/26/2022

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 1331

Senate Committee: Energy

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate ___ as amended by the house

final version

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