

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB251

Bill as Introduced

HB 251 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

9Mar2023... 0548h

2023 SESSION

23-0317

10/08

HOUSE BILL **251**

AN ACT relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Thomas, Rock. 16; Rep. Vose, Rock. 5; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Lewicke, Hills. 36; Rep. Harley, Rock. 30; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the public utilities commission to provide an estimated annual cost of compliance with electric renewable portfolio standards in customer's electric bills.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Three

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

1 1 Public Utilities Commission; Disclosure of Cost of Compliance. Amend RSA 378:49, II(c) to
2 read as follows:

3 (c) Provide such information to electric customers at least annually in conjunction with
4 billing, whether distributed through the mail or online, or other mailed or online communication to
5 customers, as approved by the commission, including the commission's estimated cost on a per
6 kilowatt-hour basis ***and estimated annual cost for the average residential ratepayer*** for
7 compliance with the electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F for the prior compliance
8 year. The estimated cost for the compliance year shall be calculated once per year and provided in
9 the customer's December bill, whether distributed through the mail or online. Each customer's bill
10 shall identify the cost as an estimate and provide a link to information about the electric renewable
11 portfolio standard, including its benefits, at the public utilities commission's website. ***Utilities***
12 ***shall also be required to include an annual estimated cost to be calculated by multiplying***
13 ***the average per kilowatt hour cost of the electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA***
14 ***362-F for the prior compliance year by the average residential monthly consumption of 625***
15 ***kilowatt hours.*** The costs for a utility to provide this information shall be recovered from electric
16 customers through the distribution rates of the respective electric distribution utility.

17 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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8 RSA 362-F for the prior compliance year. The estimated cost for the compliance year shall be
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11 information about the electric renewable portfolio standard, including its benefits, at the ~~[public~~
12 ~~utilities-commission's]~~ **department's** website. **Utilities shall also be required to include an**
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14 **the electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F for the prior compliance year by**
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Amendments

Amendment to HB 251

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

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair
Sen Howard Pearl, Vice Chair
Sen Regina Birdsell, Member
Sen David Watters, Member
Sen Debra Altschiller, Member

Date: May 16, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday		05/23/2023
(Day)		(Date)
Energy and Natural Resources	State House 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	HB 253	establishing a committee to study extended producer responsibility.
9:15 a.m.	HB 251	relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards.
9:30 a.m.	HB 211	relative to a report by the department of energy on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge.
9:45 a.m.	HB 221	relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 253

Rep. Parshall

Rep. Caplan

Rep. Dutzy

Rep. Ebel

HB 251

Rep. D. Thomas

Rep. Vose

Rep. Notter

Rep. Dunn

Rep. Lewicke

Rep. Harley

Sen. Carson

HB 211

Rep. D. Thomas

Rep. Vose

HB 221

Rep. Bixby

Rep. Caplan

Rep. Aron

Nikolas Liamos 271-7875

Kevin A. Avard
Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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HB 251, relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards.

Hearing Date: May 23, 2023

Time Opened: 9:15 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:17 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Birdsell, Watters and Altschiller

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Pearl

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the department of energy to provide an estimated annual cost of compliance with electric renewable portfolio standards in customer's electric bills.

Sponsors:

Rep. D. Thomas

Rep. Vose

Rep. Notter

Rep. Dunn

Rep. Lewicke

Rep. Harley

Sen. Carson

Who supports the bill: None.

Who opposes the bill: Rep. Tim Horrigan (Strafford 10), Sandy Steel, Susan Liebowitz, and Laura Steel.

Who is neutral on the bill: Josh Elliott.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator David Watters

District 4

- Senator David Watters introduced House Bill 251.
- Sen. Watters stated that HB 251 is relative to the cost of compliance disclosure if electric renewables portfolio standards.
- Sen. Watters stated that the substance of this bill has been included in House Bill 281.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented:

Josh Elliott

Director of the Division of Policy and Programs, New Hampshire Department of Energy

- Josh Elliott reiterated the point that the contents of HB 251 have now been included in the Senate amended version of HB 281.
- Dir. Elliott offered language changes for this bill to make it consistent with the language of HB 281.

NPL

Date Hearing Report completed: May 26, 2023

Speakers

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: 5/23/2023 Time: 9:15 a.m.

HB 251 AN ACT relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards

Name/Representing (please print neatly)

Rep Timothy Hornigan	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
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Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB251 on 2023-04

Support: 0 Oppose: 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steel, Sandy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Liebowitz, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Steel, Laura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2023-2024 Session

Bill # HB 251

Hearing date: 5/23/23

Executive Session date: 5/23/23

Motion of: Reconsider Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Pearl, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Birdsell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Altschiller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Committee Amendment Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Altschiller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: OPRA Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Reported out by: Sen. Birdsell

Notes: _____

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2023-2024 Session

Bill # HB 261

Hearing date: 9/23/23

Executive Session date: 5/23/23

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Pearl, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Birdsell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Watters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Altschiller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Pearl, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Altschiller	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Pearl, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Birdsell	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Altschiller	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Birdsell

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, May 25, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 251**

AN ACT

relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of
electric renewable portfolio standards.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

ought to pass with amendment

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1986s

Senator Regina Birdsell
For the Committee

The contents of House Bill 251 have been included in the Senate amended version of House Bill 281. House Bill 251 requires electric utilities to post the estimated annual cost for the average residential ratepayer for the compliance with the electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F on the December bill. The estimated cost for the compliance year shall be calculated once per year and shall be distributed through the mail or online. This new notice will increase transparency so that granite staterers know what they are paying for in their utility bills.

Nikolas Lamos 271-7875

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Senator Regina Birdsell for the committee.

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB251

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards.**Official Docket of HB251.:**

Date	Body	Description
1/9/2023	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/05/2023 and referred to Science, Technology and Energy HJ 2 P. 8
2/1/2023	H	Public Hearing: 02/06/2023 10:30 am LOB 302-304
2/9/2023	H	Executive Session: 02/16/2023 01:00 pm LOB 302-304
2/27/2023	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-0548h 02/16/2023 (Vote 11-9; RC) HC 14 P. 20
2/27/2023	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
3/9/2023	H	Amendment #2023-0548h : AA DV 182-166 03/09/2023 HJ 8 P. 81
3/9/2023	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-0548h: MA RC 186-169 03/09/2023 HJ 8 P. 81
3/14/2023	S	Introduced 03/09/2023 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 10
5/16/2023	S	Hearing: 05/23/2023, Room 103, SH, 09:15 am; SC 23
5/25/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-1986s , 06/01/2023; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 24
6/1/2023	S	Sen. Carson Moved to Remove HB 251 from the Consent Calendar; 06/01/2023; SJ 16
6/1/2023	S	Special Order to 06/08/2023, Without Objection, MA; 06/01/2023 SJ 16
6/1/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-1986s , 06/08/2023; SC 25
6/8/2023	S	Committee Amendment #2023-1986s , AA, VV; 06/08/2023; SJ 18
6/8/2023	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-1986s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 06/08/2023; SJ 18
6/15/2023	H	House Concurs with Senate Amendment 2023-1986s (Rep. Vose): MF DV 185-189 06/15/2023 HJ 16 P. 3
6/15/2023	H	House Non-Concurs with Senate Amendment 2023-1986s (): MA DV 189-186 06/15/2023 HJ 16 P. 3

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB251

Senate Committee: ENR

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 # 19865 ___ - 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 # _____

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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

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