

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HB 576-FN-A-LOCAL - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

576-FN-A-LOCAL

AN ACT

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Approved: June 20, 2023
Effective Date: August 19, 2023

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: April 19, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday	04/25/2023	
(Day)	(Date)	
Energy and Natural Resources	State House 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	HB 174	relative to the filing of notice of intent to cut timber.
9:15 a.m.	HB 534-FN-A	relative to water assistance for natural disasters.
9:30 a.m.	HB 576-FN-A-LOCAL	relative to administration of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program in a clean energy efficiency and clean energy district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 174

Rep. J. Harvey-Bolia
Sen. Lang

Rep. Simon
Sen. Pearl

Rep. Pauer

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HB 534-FN-A

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Hearing Date: April 25, 2023

Time Opened: 9:37 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:04 a.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Avard

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Who supports the bill: Robin Schnell, Bonnie Hill, Meredith Hatfield, Rep. David Preece (Hillsborough County, District 17), Rep. Latha Mangipudi (Hillsborough County, District 11), Ryan Hale, Sam Evans-Brown, and Senator Debra Altschiller (SD 24).

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Latha Mangipudi

Hillsborough County, District 11

- Representative Latha Mangipudi introduced HB 576-FN-A-L.
- Rep. Mangipudi stated that the goal of HB 576-FN-A-L is to bring clean energy investment to New Hampshire.
- Rep. Mangipudi stated that this bill is enabling language to allow for the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program to be fully used to its potential.

- Rep. Mangipudi noted that under HB 576-FN-A-L, a C-PACE lien would have equal priority position with real estate taxes on a property.
 - Rep. Mangipudi added that each financial institution would have the choice to accept the new priority position in terms of lending.
 - Rep. Mangipudi further added that this bill changes the current law to state that any improvements for clean energy stay with the property and do not go to the borrower.
- Rep. Mangipudi stated that she worked with the Bankers Association on the language for this bill.
- Rep. Mangipudi stated that it is critical that we invest in conservation efficiency, renovating old buildings, and clean energy.
- Senator Watters recounted that New Hampshire was one of the first states to adopt and attempt to implement the C-PACE program when it was first offered.
 - Rep. Mangipudi confirmed that this is correct.
 - Rep. Mangipudi added that New Hampshire originally began investing in Dover and Nashua, but the program fizzled out.
- Senator Watters asked if he was correct in stating that 33 other states have successfully adopted and implemented the C-PACE program.
 - Rep. Mangipudi confirmed that this is correct, and if this bill passes, New Hampshire would be the 34th state.
- Senator Altschiller asked Rep. Mangipudi if C-PACE stands for commercial property assessed clean energy.
 - Rep. Mangipudi confirmed that it does.
- Senator Altschiller asked if her understanding of this bill is correct, in that it essentially creates a priority list of who can collect on a property.
 - Rep. Mangipudi confirmed that this is correct.
- Rep. Mangipudi stated that this bill creates an opportunity for municipalities, local lenders, and local property owners to access millions of dollars allocated for clean energy investments.
 - Rep. Mangipudi explained that the C-PACE program utilizes borrowed capital to invest in clean energy for commercial buildings on the front end, instead of retrofitting buildings after they've been completed.
- Senator Pearl asked if the intent of this bill is to create more opportunity for clean energy investment on the front end of a project.
 - Rep. Mangipudi confirmed that that is correct and added that this bill does not just concern solar power, it allows for investments in heat pump efficiency, wind and hydro power as well.
- Senator Pearl stated that he has concerns in reordering the priority list, to elevate a C-PACE lien to be equal with real estate taxes.
 - Rep. Mangipudi replied that in the case of a foreclosure, a C-PACE lien only collects what due on the remaining balance at the time of foreclosure.

Representative David Preece

Hillsborough County, District 17

- Representative David Preece stated that if this bill were to pass, local governments would be enabled to provide voluntary tools for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resilience development in commercial and residential buildings.
- Rep. Preece stated that if one were to look at the 33 states who have adopted the C-PACE program, one would see that it has resulted in more than \$2 billion in private capital investment in commercial building upgrades.
- Senator Watters asked if this bill essentially expands upon the existing C-PACE program.
 - Rep. Preece confirmed that it does and enables municipalities to accept these provision in terms of the position of the lienholder just for the C-PACE funding.

Ryan Hale

Vice-President, Government Relations for the New Hampshire Bankers Association

- Ryan Hale explained that when a bank makes a loan or residential mortgage, they sell it off to a secondary market.
 - Mr. Hale added that some secondary market entities will not accept loans if they have a C-PACE priority loan.
 - Mr. Hale added that they will accept the loan if it is a subordinate lien.
- Mr. Hale stated that maintain consent is key.
 - Mr. Hale added that if a bank is able to consent, then it may ease any concerns with the loan.
- Senator Pearl asked if his understanding is correct in that a real estate lien takes priority over other liens that are in line.
 - Mr. Hale replied that real estate taxes take priority.
- Senator Pearl asked what would happen if the committee were to elevate C-PACE loans to the same level as property taxes.
 - Mr. Hale replied that this is why consent is key, a bank could determine that a C-PACE loan will add value to the property.
- Senator Pearl stated that he would like the New Hampshire Bankers Association's input on new language for a lending provision.
- Senator Watters asked if this bill's language enables the C-PACE loan to be elevated and enables the banks to consent to the risk in elevating these loans.
 - Mr. Hale confirmed that Senator Watters is correct.

Sam Evans-Brown

Executive Director, Clean Energy New Hampshire

- Sam Evans-Brown stated that it requires a lot of capital to improve a property with clean energy advancements.
- Exec. Dir. Evans-Brown said that a homeowner typically lives in a property for eight years, so an investment that will pay itself off over the course of 12 years is a tough choice to make as a rational economic factor.
 - Exec. Dir. Evans-Brown explained that C-PACE seeks to solve this problem by tying the cost of the improvement to the property instead of the borrower.
- Exec. Dir. Evans-Brown stated that the position of the loan has stalled any C-PACE progress in New Hampshire.
- Senator Pearl asked if this bill could be passed without a new lending provision.

Exec. Dir. Evans-Brown stated that he could not answer that and he would provide a firm answer to the committee in the coming week.

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Date Hearing Report completed: May 1, 2023

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB534 on 2023-04-27
Support: 31 Oppose: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Liscord, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Ellermann, Maureen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wessels, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Spelman, Kathy Sue	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Walker, Deborah Klein	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rosenwald, Senator	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support
Hatcher, Phil	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jones, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Devore, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Blanchard, Sandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Willing, Maura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Thomas, A	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Merlone, Lynn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hershey, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Moore, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Spencer, Louise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Witch, Sally	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Stew, Ann	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lane, Betty	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Davis, Gregory	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Keegan, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bishop, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
perencevich, ruth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wolf, Daniel	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Hakken-Phillips, Mary	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
DeMark, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeMark, Harriet	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Chase, Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Eaton, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Reardon, Donna	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony



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April 25, 2023

Senator Kevin Avard, Chair
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
State House, Room 103
Concord, NH 03301

Testimony on HB576, relative to Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing.

Dear Senator Avard and members of the Committee,

Clean Energy NH supports House Bill 576, which would take a small step towards unlocking C-PACE in the Granite State.

C-PACE financing is a financing mechanism that enables commercial property owners to access low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their properties. This financing is provided by private capital providers and repaid over time through a special assessment on the property tax bill. Since C-PACE financing is secured by the property itself, the risk to capital providers is reduced, enabling them to offer financing at a lower interest rate than would otherwise be possible. This low-interest rate financing can be a critical factor in driving investment in clean energy and energy efficiency upgrades.

In short, C-PACE enables private capital to flow to clean energy and energy efficiency, requiring no subsidy or expenditure from the state.

C-PACE is already enabled by a statute that became effective in 2010, but has suffered from a fatal flaw that has prevented the program from taking off. This flaw is the insistence that C-PACE loans “shall be junior to existing liens of record.”¹ In the case of a bankruptcy, this would mean that C-PACE loans would be last in line to be repaid. This single provision introduces an unacceptable amount of risk and has scared lenders away from New Hampshire. Allowing C-PACE liens to have equal footing with other types of loans is an essential feature of C-PACE financing, as it helps derisk the loan and results in a lower interest rate. Moreover, early lien positioning provides property owners with greater flexibility in financing upgrades to their properties without jeopardizing their existing mortgage or other financing arrangements.

HB576 seeks to remedy this fatal flaw, and create a thriving C-PACE program in the Granite State. It does so by establishing a mechanism for C-PACE financing to attain the same position as other loans or mortgages, through a system of “lender consent.” Lender consent acts as a vital guardrail and an extra set of

¹ <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/53-F/53-F-mrg.htm>

scrutiny on C-PACE transactions by senior lenders, but still enable C-PACE loans to be issued once this layer of due diligence is complete.

Together, these two features—early lien positioning and low-interest rate financing—are critical for the long-term success of C-PACE financing. Enabling a program that includes these features in its design will allow New Hampshire to capitalize on this proven way to drive investment in clean energy and energy efficiency, creating jobs and economic growth in the process. In states that have enabled it, C-PACE financing has spurred billions of dollars in investment in clean energy and energy efficiency upgrades, creating new jobs in the process.

We urge you to recommend this bill as ought to pass.

Sincerely,
Sam Evans-Brown

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Evans-Brown", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director

Clean Energy NH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our membership includes 130+ businesses, 34 municipal members—comprising over 300,000 NH citizens—and 400+ individuals in every corner of the Granite State. We advocate for the adoption of clean energy initiatives through a non-partisan, fact-based lens.

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2023-2024 Session

Bill # HB 576

Hearing date: 4/25/23

Executive Session date: 5/16/23

Motion of: Opp Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Sen. Pearl, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Reported out by: Altschiller

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 576-FN-A-LOCAL**

AN ACT

relative to administration of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program in a clean energy efficiency and clean energy district.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Debra Altschiller
For the Committee

House Bill 576-FN-A-L clarifies the use of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) model in a clean energy efficiency and clean energy district under RSA 53-F. Additionally this bill elevates a C-PACE lien to senior lien status. HB 576-FN-A-L will enable the C-PACE program to be utilized to its full potential and allow for more investments in clean energy in New Hampshire. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously to pass House Bill 576-FN-A-L.

Nikolas Liamos 271-7875

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 576-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to administration of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program in a clean energy efficiency and clean energy district.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Debra Altschiller for the committee.

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB576

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) A relative to administration of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program in a clean energy efficiency and clean energy district.

Official Docket of HB576.:

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1/11/2023	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/05/2023 and referred to Science, Technology and Energy HJ 3 P. 21
1/18/2023	H	Public Hearing: 01/24/2023 01:00 pm LOB 302-304
1/25/2023	H	Executive Session: 01/30/2023 04:00 pm LOB 302-304
3/28/2023	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-0162h (NT) 01/31/2023 (Vote 14-5; RC) HC 11 P. 15
2/14/2023	H	Amendment #2023-0162h : AA VV 02/14/2023 HJ 5 P. 26
2/14/2023	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-0162h: MA VV 02/14/2023 HJ 5 P. 26
2/14/2023	H	Referred to Finance 02/14/2023 HJ 5
2/16/2023	H	Division Work Session: 02/21/2023 01:30 pm LOB 212
2/23/2023	H	Division Work Session: 03/03/2023 10:30 am LOB 212
3/16/2023	H	Executive Session: 03/20/2023 01:00 pm LOB 210-211
3/27/2023	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-0692h 03/22/2023 (Vote 21-4; RC)
4/6/2023	H	Amendment #2023-0692h : AA VV 04/06/2023 HJ 12 P. 209
4/6/2023	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-0692h: MA VV 04/06/2023 HJ 12 P. 210
4/11/2023	S	Introduced 03/30/2023 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 13
4/19/2023	S	Hearing: 04/25/2023, Room 103, SH, 09:30 am; SC 19
5/16/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/18/2023; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 22A
5/18/2023	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/18/2023; SJ 15
6/13/2023	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/08/2023); SJ 19
6/13/2023	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/08/2023 HJ 15
6/21/2023	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 06/20/2023; Chapter 91; Eff:08/19/2023

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

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