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YEAR	BILL NO.	SPONSOR(S)	TITLE	DETAILS/OCA POSITION	NEXT-LAST HEARING/ COM.MEETING
2019	HB 466	Rep. Robert Backus	Relative to the capacity of electricity customer generators for eligibility for net energy metering	Increases limit for small customers from 100 to 500 kws	Adopted in House; Adopted in Senate; vetoed
2019	HB 496	Rep. Jacqueline Cali-Pitts	Establishing a committee to identify the requirements needed to commit NH to a goal of at least 50 percent renewable energy for electricity by 2040.		Adopted in House; Adopted in Senate; signed by Gov.
2019	HB 568	Rep. John Mann	Relative to the NH energy strategy	Requires state energy strategy to include consideration of the effects of climate change	Adopted in House; ITL in Senate
2019	HB 715	Rep. Lee Oxenham	Re electrical energy storage.	Establishes goals for energy storage capacity	Adopted with amendment in House; adopted in Senate; signed by Gov.
2019	HB 735	Rep. Lee Oxenham	Relative to carbon pricing	Required payment of a carbon pricing fee to be paid by vendors of carbon based fuels	Laid on table in House 1/19
2019	SB 13	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Re limited electrical energy producers and net energy metering.	Increases net metering limits and adds qualifying storage systems	Adopted in Senate; laid on table in House
2019	SB 73	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Requiring the PUC to quantify and consider environmental and socioeconomic costs in state energy plans of electric utilities.		Interim Study
2019	SB 75	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Establishing a commission to study the economic impact of national carbon pricing in NH		Interim Study
2019	SB 122	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Re expenditures from the energy efficiency fund.	Requires PUC to allocate RGGI funds to school districts for EE projects and increases allocation to low income EE	Adopted in Senate 3/14/19; Adopted in House 1/9/20; Vetoed

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2019	SB 124	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Relative to RPS standards after 2025	Revises minimum percentages for Class I to IV	Adopted in Senate; Adopted in; pending w/Gov.
2019	SB 159	Sen. Jeb Bradley	Re net energy metering limits	Increases limit to less than 5 MW	Vetoed; Senate override vote 17-7 on 3/5
2019	SB 166	Sen. Dan Feltes	Re competitive electricity supplier requirements under net metering	Requires competitive suppliers to credit net metered electricity at their retail rates	Adopted in Senate; Adopted in House; signed by Gov.
2020	HB 1218	Rep. Howard Moffett	Relative to net energy metering and limits for customer generators.	Identical to HB365 vetoed last year	Rules suspension re immediate House vote failed 194-132 on 6/11
2020	HB 1261	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to the energy consumption reduction goal.		Laid on table in House 3/19
2020	HB 1262	Rep. Michael Costable	Relative to the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers.	Allows unlimited sale at retail by producers of less than 5 MWs to retail customers in NH	Referred to interim study 3/22
2020	HB 1301	Rep. Peter Somssich	Establishing a committee to study applications of microgrids in electricity supply.		House: OTP, voice vote, 3/12; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1317	Rep. Chris Balch	Relative to incentives for energy efficiency projects by residential, commercial and industrial ratepayers.	Reallocates RGGI proceeds	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1342	Rep. Rebecca McWilliams	Establishing a program for installation of heat pumps for low- income housing.	Reserves RGGI funds for this purpose	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1364	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to payments to the PUC in lieu of meeting renewable portfolio standards.	Removes Class III (biomass) requirement from RPS	Inexpedient to legislate, 212-121, 2/19

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2020	HB 1366	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to the computation of renewable energy credits.	Requires estimate of Class II output to be computed via PV Energy Forecast of ISO-NE	Ought to pass, voice vote, 3/11; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1396	Rep. Jordan Ulery	Relative to notice required for the termination of service of a public utility.		Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1405	Rep. Gary Hopper	Relative to the installation of wireless electric meters.	Would require all advanced meters to be opt-in; oppose	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1429	Rep. Kat McGhee	Relative to distribution plans of energy utilities.	Introduced at the request of OCA	Interim Study, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1430	Rep. Kat McGhee	Establishing a commission to study attainment of a clean-energy electric grid by 2030.	Concern that no consumer representatives on commission	Ought to pass with amendment, 169-100, 3/12
2020	HB 1445	Rep. Rebecca McWilliams	Adding a building scientist to the building code review board.	Support	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote 3/11
2020	HB 1478	Rep. Michael Harrington	Repealing the law on preservation and use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity.	Repeals RSA 362-H in light of FERC preemption determination. Support	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote, 3/12/2020
2020	HB 1479	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to municipal energy commissions.		ITL voice vote 2/19
2020	HB 1480	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to the use of system benefits charges.	Strengthens limitation on SBC increases without General Court approval -- oppose	Inexpedient to legislate, voice vote, 2/19
2020	HB 1481	Rep. John Plumer	Relative to the net metering cap for customer-generators.	Four GOP sponsors	Laid on table, 222-65, 3/12

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2020	HB 1496	Rep. John Mann	Relative to the RGGI cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide emissions.	Enshrines EESE Board as enhanced stakeholder board for EE; changes use of RGGI funds	Passed 180-101 3/12; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1515	Rep. Lee Oxenham	Relative to group host net energy metering.	Raises to 25 kw the threshold for adjustment of payments to group hosts for surplus generation	Passed, voice vote, 3/11; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1518	Rep. Howard Pearl	Relative to the alternative compliance payments for renewable energy obligations not met through the purchase of renewable energy credits.	Sets ACP at \$55 for all classes	Passed, voice vote, 3/12; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1519	Rep. Howard Pearl	Establishing a committee to study class IV resources under the renewable portfolio standard.		Passed, voice vote, 3/11; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1535	Rep. Liz McConnell	Relative to installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems by condominium unit owners and owners subject to deed restrictions in a homeowners association.	Prohibits deed restrictions on PV panels	Passed, voice vote, 3/11; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1541	Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to including battery storage facilities in the definition of energy facility.	Amends RSA 162-H (site evaluation committee review)	Passed, voice vote, 3/11; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1664	Rep. Craig Thompson	Establishing a climate action plan, an office of environmental advocate, and an oversight commission on environmental services.	Establishes greenhouse gas reduction goals -- ramping to 80 percent by 2050	Passed, 197-123, 2/19; laid on table in Senate
2020	HB 1684	Rep. Latha Mangipudi	Establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund.		Laid on table, 316-5, 2/19
2020	SB 492	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Relative to the electric renewable portfolio standard.	Increases solar REC purchase requirements	Laid on table

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2020	SB 494	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Relative to the PUC estimates of electricity production for customer-sited sources that are net metered and for which renewable energy certificates are not issued.	Reduces assumed capacity factor from 20 to 14	Laid on table
2020	SB 495	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Relative to biodiesel in class I electric renewable energy.	Allows blended biodiesel/heating oil to qualify as fuel for Class I REC producers	Laid on table
2020	SB 497	Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	Relative to the Class IV hydroelectric requirement under electric renewable portfolio standards.	Increases requirement to 3.5 percent in 2021	Laid on table
2020	SB 518	Sen. Dan Feltes	Relative to group host net energy metering for low-income community solar projects, limited electrical energy producers storage systems and private sector sales, outdoor lighting policies, and aggregation of electric utility customers.	Language that adds a requirement that a minimum amount of the LMI adder go to LMI participants submitted by the OCA.	Laid on table
2020	SB 554	Sen. Jay Kahn	Establishing a committee to study state regulation of net neutrality.		Passed, voice vote, 2/13; laid on table in House
2020	SB 587	Sen. David Watters	Relative to the duties and membership of the EESE board.	Support – clarifies role of EESE Board as enhanced stakeholder board	Passed, voice vote, 1/30; laid on table in House
2020	SB 603	Sen. Dan Feltes	Relative to financial assistance for biomass and forest product workers.	Skills training and job matching program	Passed, 13-10, 3/11; laid on table in House
2020	SB 668	Sen. David Watters	Establishing an offshore wind commission, establishing an office of offshore wind industry development in the department of business and economic affairs, and making an appropriation therefor.		Laid on table
2020	SB 692	Sen. Dan Feltes	Relative to certain costs of the PUC for participating in regional activities.	Requires assessment to individual utilities	Passed, voice vote, 3/12; laid on table in House