

Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist. 24
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Amendment to SB 323

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT requiring the public utilities commission to study certain energy policy issues.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Public Utilities Commission; Study of Energy Policy Issues.

I. The public utilities commission shall undertake a study, through means of a nonadjudicative investigation, regarding legislative, regulatory, and market-based policy options to address the following issues:

(a) As part of a comprehensive review of energy efficiency, conservation, demand response, and sustainable energy programs and incentives in the state, possible improvements to and better coordination of those programs and incentives to maximize their effectiveness in supporting green jobs and economic development in New Hampshire, reducing our dependence on imported fossil fuels, meeting goals of the climate change action plan, and supporting development of needed financing mechanisms and competitive opportunities in the market to ensure delivery of energy efficiency programs and services.

(b) The appropriate role of regulated energy utilities in helping the state and consumers achieve the state's energy efficiency potential for all fuels.

(c) The appropriate role of the state in evaluating the effectiveness of all funds made available to stimulate investment in energy efficiency and clean energy and to advance the state's energy goals.

(d) Policy changes that may be necessary in order to achieve the state's energy efficiency and sustainable energy goals.

II. The public utilities commission shall work in cooperation and close consultation with the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board in the development of the study and resulting recommendations.

III. The public utilities commission shall submit its findings, results, and recommendations to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate energy, environment, and economic development committee and the house science, technology and energy committee, and the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board in an interim report on or before November 1, 2010 and a final report on or before November 1, 2011.

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IV. The energy efficiency and sustainable energy board shall provide its recommendations, as required by RSA 125-O:5-a, I, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the senate energy, environment, and economic development committee and the house science, technology and energy committee as soon as practicable after receiving the final report due under paragraph III.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the public utilities commission to study certain energy policy issues and submit the results of its study to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.