

2010 OCA Bill Tracking
House LSRs and Potential Senate Bills
10/05/09

Bill #	Title	Status	Sponsor/Notes
H 2202	Relative to municipal energy efficiency and clean energy districts	LSR	Pastor
H 2235	Requiring the board of home inspectors to adopt certain rules relative to information on home energy audits for home buyers	LSR	Read
H 2312	Relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative funds	LSR	Borden
H 2313	Requiring the certification of building energy auditors	LSR	Borden
H 2347	Relative to renewable energy credits	LSR	Harvey
H 2348	Relative to group net energy metering	LSR	Harvey
H 2468	Combining the renewable energy fund and the greenhouse gas emissions reduction fund	LSR	Cali-Pitts
H 2469	Establishing a study committee on creating a sustainable energy loan program	LSR	Cali-Pitts
H 2470	Removing exclusions for geothermal energy and solar hot water systems from electric renewable energy classes	LSR	Cali-Pitts
H 2471	Enabling utilities to establish loan programs for renewable energy and efficiency projects	LSR	Cali-Pitts
H 2547	Relative to permitting existing renewable energy sources to receive grants from the renewable energy fund	LSR	Harvey
H 2518	Relative to tax exemptions for water and air pollution control installations	LSR	Webb

Other 2010 ideas discussed at legislative “Energy Caucus” meeting on 9/18/09:

Least cost approach to Energy Efficiency

- Develop a statutory mechanism that provides incentives to utilities to invest in energy efficiency to reduce consumption prior that is cheaper than purchasing supply.
- In Massachusetts all utilities are working together on a statewide proposal to increase energy efficiency under the Green Communities Act; several NH electric utilities do business in MA, and will have experiences upon which to draw.

Language from the 2008 Massachusetts Green Communities Act:

Electric and natural gas resource needs shall first be met through all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply. The cost of supply shall be determined by the public utilities commission with consideration of the average cost of generation to all customer classes over the previous 24 months.

Energy Codes/Energy Consumption in State Buildings

- Look at planned adoption of updated 2009 Energy Code to determine if additional legislation is warranted to improve energy retrofits of state buildings.
- As a follow up to SB 73 of 2009 (requiring state departments to reduce energy consumption and to make an annual report on their energy consumption reduction efforts), which was retained for further study, develop a plan to further reduce fuel costs for state government.

Incentives for energy conservation through voltage regulation:

- Look at language from other states that provide incentives for utilities to invest in voltage regulation that results in energy savings.

Enable towns to add tax exemption for EE investments

- 75 NH towns already have some form of RE tax exemption under current law.
- Enabling legislation would give towns option to add exemption for qualifying EE building investments.