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HOUSE BILL **1312**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study offshore wind energy and the development of other ocean power technology.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Backus, Hills 19; Rep. Baber, Straf 14; Rep. Grossman, Straf 4; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study offshore wind energy and other ocean power technology development.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study offshore wind energy and the development of other ocean power technology.

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

1 180:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study offshore wind energy
2 and the development of other ocean power technology.

3 180:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 180:3 Duties.

11 I. The committee shall study offshore wind energy and the development of other ocean power
12 technology, including but not limited to:

13 (a) Determining potential power generation capacity in New Hampshire offshore waters.

14 (b) Identifying opportunities and possible facilities in the Portsmouth Harbor and other
15 coastal communities for support of offshore ocean power development.

16 (c) Identifying existing regulatory and jurisdictional challenges to enabling future
17 offshore power development.

18 (d) Projecting likely benefits to the state economy from this type of development over the
19 next decade.

20 II. The committee may solicit testimony from any person or organization with information
21 relevant to the committee's objective.

22 180:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson
23 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named
24 house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date
25 of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

26 180:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
27 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
28 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

29 180:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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2 Approved: July 11, 2014

3 Effective Date: July 11, 2014