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Senator Avard applauds Passage of Bills to Protect Net Metering, NH Saves

Concord, NH - Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) today applauded Senate passage of two bills he sponsored to lower electric rates and expand net metering in New Hampshire:

“Net metering and NH Saves are innovative and successful ways that the Legislature is helping Granite Staters tackle rising utility bills. These programs also make our energy grid more resilient. These bills make small but essential technical changes to our laws to ensure that both programs can continue to work as we intended. I want to thank the large, bipartisan coalition that helped me unite the entire Senate behind both bills.”

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Background:

SB 69 would clarify existing law to ensure that local non-profit groups can participate in community energy projects that sell excess power back into the New Hampshire electric grid. The Senate unanimously approved it on the Consent Calendar this morning. SB 69 now goes to the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 113 amends the cost-benefit provisions by which the Public Utilities Commission reviews energy efficiency programs such as the NH Saves program. NH Saves helps low-income New Hampshire homeowners weatherize their homes, which helps lower utility bills and reduces demand on the grid on cold, winter days. The Senate unanimously approved it by voice vote this morning. SB 113 now heads to the House of Representatives.