

SB 269-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

269-FN

AN ACT establishing a commission to study energy saving weatherization programs.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study methods of participation for maintaining an energy saving weatherization program to assist in lowering the overall energy consumption for New Hampshire families.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT establishing a commission to study energy saving weatherization programs.

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

1 1 Declaration of Purpose. Participation and administration of the New Hampshire
2 weatherization and energy efficiency programs, as authorized for funding by the New Hampshire
3 legislature for programs approved by the public utilities commission and as administered by the
4 utility companies of New Hampshire, is essential for the growing number of elders caring for a third
5 generation while living on social security. The energy weatherization program serves us all as
6 citizens of New Hampshire. We build strength by standing together and, with these programs, we
7 will raise our next generation with the proper tools to maintain our way of life.

8 2 New Section; Commission to Study Energy Saving Weatherization Programs Established.
9 Amend RSA 12-P by inserting after section 7-b the following new section:

10 12-P:7-c Commission to Study Energy Saving Weatherization Programs Established.

11 I. The commission duties shall be as follows:

12 (a) The commission shall identify policy and funding opportunities to support
13 weatherization of buildings heated with fuels including, but not limited to, electricity, natural gas,
14 oil, propane, kerosene and wood, including, but not limited to, the following avenues:

15 (1) Policy direction to further prioritize weatherization within the existing NHSaves
16 programs;

17 (2) Research to explore expanding the fiscal participation of propane and oil users in
18 New Hampshire in the same manner as electric and natural gas; and

19 (3) Use of other funding sources such as grant funds.

20 (b) The commission shall also explore the fiscal feasibility of double or triple pane
21 replacement of windows, insulated doors, and water heaters in residential duplexes, quadplexes, and
22 multi-residential buildings with units falling under the definition of workforce housing in RSA
23 674:58, IV.

24 II.(a) The commission shall be comprised of the following members:

25 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate president;

26 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
27 house of representatives;

28 (3) One representative each from an electric provider, a natural gas provider, a
29 propane supplier and an oil supplier, appointed by the governor;

30 (4) One representative from Clean Energy NH, appointed by such organization;

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1 (5) One representative from the New Hampshire Home Builders Association,
2 appointed by such organization;

3 (6) One New Hampshire representative from the Association of Builders and
4 Contractors of New Hampshire and Vermont, appointed by such organization;

5 (7) The consumer advocate, or designee;

6 (8) One member of the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, appointed by
7 such organization;

8 (9) One member of the public employed in the weatherization and energy efficiency
9 field, appointed by the governor;

10 (10) One member of the public not employed in the construction nor weatherization
11 or energy efficiency fields, appointed by the governor; and

12 (11) Two members from the New Hampshire Community Action Partnerships, one of
13 whom shall be from the community action partnership with the largest population served, appointed
14 by the New Hampshire Community Action Association.

15 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
16 when attending to the duties of the commission.

17 (c) The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
18 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first
19 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. The
20 commission shall meet at least monthly. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a
21 quorum.

22 III. The minutes of each meeting shall be provided to the governor, president of the senate,
23 speaker of the house of representatives, and the commissioner of the department of energy within
24 the first week of every month.

25 IV. The commission shall provide any findings or solutions suitable for legislation no later
26 than December 15, 2022.

27 3 Prospective Repeal. RSA 12-P:7-c, relative to the commission to study energy saving
28 weatherization programs, is repealed.

29 4 Effective Date.

30 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect December 16, 2022.

31 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SB 269-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2022-0750s)

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FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☒ None

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, as amended by the Senate, establishes a commission to study methods of participation for maintaining an energy saving weatherization program to assist in lowering the overall energy consumption for New Hampshire families. The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenues.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None