

Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 183-284, relative to the department of energy.

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3 Amend the bill by inserting after section 372 the following new section:

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5 373 Department of Energy. Notwithstanding the provisions of HB 1-A:

6 I. The appropriations, classified, non-classified, and unclassified positions contained in HB
7 1-A, section 1 of the 2021 regular legislative session for the department of energy shall be
8 transferred to the public utilities commission, the office of strategic initiatives, the site evaluation
9 committee, and the office of the consumer advocate. Any positions that did not exist in the 2020-
10 2021 biennium shall not be established or authorized for the 2022-2023 biennium.

11 II. The appropriations and classified positions contained in HB 1-A, section 1 of the 2021
12 regular legislative session for the department of business and economic affairs, OSI division of
13 planning, shall be transferred to the office of strategic initiatives.

14 III. The appropriations and classified positions contained in HB 1-A, section 1 of the 2021
15 regular legislative session for the department of administrative services, conservation land
16 stewardship account shall be transferred to the office of strategic initiatives.

17 IV. The department of administrative services shall execute the transfers in paragraphs I,
18 II, and III in order to restore the accounting structure and authorized positions in existence during
19 the 2020-2021 biennium. The appropriation levels established shall equal the amounts and funding
20 sources contained in the agency budget maintenance level request for the 2022-2023 biennium. The
21 amount of general funds necessary to effectuate the transfers under this section are hereby
22 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2023. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
23 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete all:

63. Establishes the department of energy, to govern energy and utilities matters, and have oversight on matters under the public utilities commission.

64. Administratively attaches the public utilities commission to the department of energy and makes corresponding changes to existing laws relating to the organization and duties of the public utilities commission to reflect this change.

65. Transfers certain duties from the public utilities commission to the department of energy.

66. Adds the commissioner of the department of energy to the New Hampshire site evaluation committee.

67. Requires that the department of energy advocate for New Hampshire in regional activities concerning competitive electricity suppliers.

68. Requires that the department of energy require electric and gas utilities to operate an online energy data platform and, in conjunction with the public utilities commission, implement a statewide electric utility restructuring plan.