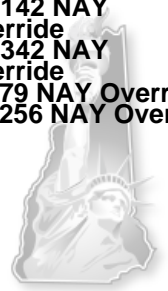




NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

HB 142, relative to the operation of the Burgess Biopower plant.

Governor: Vetoed

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill cancels \$50 million of debt that the Burgess Biopower plant owes to NH ratepayers.

- Eversource customers have already paid more than \$150 million in above-market rates for electricity generated by the Burgess Biopower plant. This bill reduces the amount that the Burgess Biopower electricity generation plant owes the ratepayers of Eversource.
- The operation of the Burgess plant is a market-distorting jobs program funded by a mandatory rate increase on Eversource customers. With electric rates at near-record highs, the plant is still unable to operate competitively. This bill does nothing to address the long-term problem that has required legislative interference on a regular basis, but simply kicks the can once again to the commissars who will be back in two more years asking for further relief.

HB 142

NAY Override

HB 342, relative to lead testing in children.

Governor: Vetoed

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill denies children access to public education, which is paid for by dollars that have already been forcibly extracted from parents, making it more difficult for them to afford private education.

- This bill would force parents to pay for a blood test for children to test their lead levels.
- Lead poisoning is not communicable and should not be a requirement to be in class with other children.
- This pushes entrance criteria into public schools over the edge toward requiring blood tests for disclosure of any number of unnecessarily privacy-invading attributes such as a proclivity to certain potential traits based on genetic investigation.

HB 342

NAY Override

SB 79, relative to the participation of customer generators in net energy metering.

Governor: Vetoed

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill risks shifting utility rate costs from industrial and municipal hosts to consumers by allowing for subsidy to those that use the electrical grid as a zero-cost energy storage solution (the large institutions) while shifting costs to consumers.

- This bill subsidizes industrial hosts that choose to operate large scale energy generation facilities by increasing the subsidized net metering cap from the current 1 megawatt limit up to 5 megawatts for industrial hosts.
- The recipients of these subsidies will get millions more at the expense of others without providing guaranteed benefits to the grid, as the energy from these systems is often intermittent and unreliable.
- Large subsidies for renewables no longer make sense, as studies claim that solar energy is cheaper than fossil fuels. If this is true, then operators of these facilities already have a significant competitive advantage and would not require subsidy to be profitable.
- Forcing utilities to purchase additional excess power without regard to when the grid needs the power is a state-mandated handout to big business.

SB 79

NAY Override

Governor: Vetoed

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates the illusion of safety by creating an online safety certificate program for the operation of OHRVs.

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Override**

- There is no evidence that a one-time online training program would have any measurable impact on safety; however, it is likely to push would-be visitors to other states that do not have such burdensome requirements to ride OHRVs.