

# RELEASE: House Committee Responds to Governor's Veto by Passing Compromise Renewable Energy Bill

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### **HOUSE COMMITTEE RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S VETO BY PASSING COMPROMISE RENEWABLE ENERGY BILL**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee moved forward with [House Bill 1218](#), comprehensive compromise legislation that will encourage the development of renewable energy in New Hampshire.

“Just two days after Governor Sununu vetoed Senate Bill 159, we went right back to work and I am encouraged with the renewable energy legislation passed by our committee today”, said **Representative Robert Backus, (D-Manchester), Chair of the House Science, Technology, and Energy committee.** “After days of public hearings and multiple work sessions, we have crafted another compromise bill, combining three bills (2 supported by Governor Sununu) to meet the Governor more than halfway today.”

“In his veto message of Senate Bill 159, Governor Sununu repeated his alleged claim that expanding access to net metering would result in ‘hundreds of millions of dollars in higher electric rates’ for Granite Staters” said **Representative Howard Moffett (D- Canterbury) Vice Chair of the House Science, Technology and Energy committee.** “Our committee made further changes in hopes that the governor will finally sign legislation that had strong support in both parties. This new bill would enable businesses as well as municipalities to invest in homegrown renewable energy.”

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