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**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** –Today, with a vote of 207-130, House Republicans voted to sustain the governor’s veto of [Senate Bill 159](#), bipartisan legislation aimed at encouraging the development of home-grown, small-scale renewable energy in New Hampshire. After the vote, **Representative Howard Moffett (D-Canterbury)**, vice chair of the House Science, Technology, and Energy committee, released the following statement:

“Senate Bill 159 would have expanded the availability of net metering in New Hampshire, allowing municipalities and businesses to benefit from reduced energy costs and alleviating the burden on property taxpayers. Over the past three years, the legislature has fought to allow cities, towns, school districts, as well as private companies to reduce energy costs by utilizing home-grown renewable energy.”

“Governor Sununu and House Republicans continue to be at odds with a large bipartisan majority of legislators, advocates, businesses and municipalities all over the state that recognize the importance of encouraging the development of renewable energy, clean tech jobs, and a 21st century energy infrastructure in New Hampshire” added **Representative Bob Backus (D-Manchester)**, chair of the House Science, Technology, and Energy committee. “It is incredibly disheartening to see so many of my colleagues again abandon the best interests of their constituents just to blindly support the governor.”

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On Background:

- In 2018, [Senate Bill 446](#) (prime sponsored by a Republican senator) passed both the Republican controlled House and Senate on voice votes. It was then vetoed by Governor Sununu, overridden by the Senate and ultimately upheld with the support of House Republicans.
- In 2019, [House Bill 365](#) (bipartisan sponsors) passed the House [254-98](#) and the Senate on a voice vote. It was then vetoed by Governor Sununu and upheld when **35 House Republicans** flipped to support the governor.
- This year, [Senate Bill 159](#) (prime sponsored by a Republican senator) passed with wide bipartisan margins in the Senate (24-0) and the House (227-128). Again the Senate voted to override the governor's veto, and again House Republicans flipped their position to support the governor.

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