



SUPPORT HB 1600 as Being Heard in House Committee on Monday, 1/29 at 2 pm

Bill Link: [House Bill 1600](#) **ACT BY 2:00 P.M. MONDAY JANUARY 29TH!**

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House Hearing: the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee will hear HB 1600 on Monday, January 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 302-304. [Watch remotely.](#)

✦ **We are requesting each CPCNH Member Representative and their Alternate register to SUPPORT HB 1600!**

✦ **This is a bill that the CPCNH Board approved a position to SUPPORT!**

✦ Chair Below will provide testimony on behalf of the Coalition and may be available at Clifton.Below@communitypowernh.gov and (603) 448-5899 to answer questions. In addition, Deana Dennis, CPCNH Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs will also be at the hearing and can be reached at Deana.Dennis@communitypowernh.gov.

Bipartisan Sponsors: (Prime) [Representative Tom Cormen](#) (D-Grafton District 15), [Representative Rebecca McWilliams](#) (D-Merrimack District 30), [Representative Henry Noël](#) (D-Coos, District 5), [Representative Kat McGhee](#) (D-Hillsborough District 35), [Representative Brian Seaworth](#) (R-Merrimack District 12), [Representative Dan Wolf](#) (R-Merrimack District 7), [Senator Jeb Bradley](#) (R-Wolfeboro), [Senator Kevin Avard](#) (R-Nashua), and [Senator David Waters](#) (D-Dover).

Key Points: House Bill 1600, as introduced with bipartisan support, would:

- ✦ Clarify that Group Net Metering (GNM) programs with Municipal Hosts (MH) (generation at the 1 to 5 MW scale) can be developed for CPAs in alignment with statutory requirements.
- ✦ Validates options that can benefit customers and communities while retaining the original GNM/MH construct operated through utility default energy supply service.

Policy Brief: House Bill 1600 was introduced at the start of session in January 2024 and would amend the definition of “Municipal Host” (RSA 362-A:1-a, II-c) to remove potential ambiguity and clarify that the energy produced from a MH can be used to offset the load of a CPA under RSA 53-E in a way that avoids cost shifting. The proposed change does not preclude MHs from being on utility default service in conjunction with “offsetting” the load of specific municipal accounts.

****Rep. Cormen is expected to propose to amend the bill during its introduction to provide additional clarifying language in Section 1 and delete Section 2 since the issues in Section 2 are currently before the Public Utilities Commission in its net metering docket (see e.g., [CPCNH testimony, pages 13-22](#)).**** CPCNH, Clean Energy New Hampshire, and other stakeholders are expected to support such an amendment at the hearing.

HB 1600 would benefit NH electric customers by:

1. Clarifying that community power customers have access to local, clean energy sources at the 1-5 MW scale through competitive markets while avoiding potential cost shifting.
2. Helping to fulfill the General Court’s intent when it enacted RSA 53-E “to provide [CPA] customers access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services” and to “encourage, voluntary, cost effective and innovative solutions to local needs with careful consideration of local conditions and opportunities.”

CALL TO ACTION

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HB 1600 would provide important clarification that customers of Community Power have access to local, clean energy sources of the 1-5 MW scale through competitive markets while avoiding potential cost shifting. In addition, HB 1600 allows flexibility by retaining the original Group Net Metering / Municipal Host program through utility default energy supply service.

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