



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 2, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 183

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2nd, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 183, establishing a committee to study the applications of microgrids in New Hampshire and changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electrical supply, and relative to baseload renewable generation credits for biomass energy facilities.

This bill creates another immense subsidy for New Hampshire's independent biomass plants, the third such bill sent to me in as many years. It would cost New Hampshire ratepayers approximately \$20 million a year over the next 3 years, on top of the existing subsidies that these plants already receive. This bill picks winners and losers in a competitive energy market. Furthermore, it harms our most vulnerable citizens for the benefit of a select few. I remain committed to advancing renewable energy generation and fuel diversity, but we must do so without unjustly burdening the ratepayers of New Hampshire.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 183.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor