



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 205

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 205, relative to energy efficiency programs funded from the systems benefits charge and the duties and members of the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

This bill extends the portion of the systems benefits charge that does not require legislative approval to increase. The legislature enacted this provision in 2018 with a sole exception to be grandfathered in. This bill opens the floodgates and removes legislative authority over future increases to the systems benefits charge to fund the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS). The systems benefits charge is a tax hidden within an electric bill. The legislature should not abdicate its responsibility to unelected officials at the Public Utilities Commission.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 205.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor