



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 3, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 365

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 3rd, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 365, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators.

This bill is a regressive cost burden on citizens that benefits large-scale solar developers while hurting all ratepayers, including the elderly and those on fixed incomes. I am committed to advancing renewable energy in New Hampshire, but over the life of the subsidy, this will cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars in higher electric bills. We should not allow our good intentions to mask a bad policy. We should not force our ratepayers to massively subsidize those who can afford to construct 40-acre solar farms. Rather, New Hampshire should focus on advancing policies that limit the harm to our ratepayers and target the benefits of renewable energy to those most in need.

Some municipalities believe that this bill would help them reduce their property tax burden, but this is yet another example of good intentions that lead to harmful outcomes. Any perceived tax savings from a net-metered solar project are cost-shifted to ratepayers across New Hampshire.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 365.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor