



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

February 10, 2020

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 159

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on February 10th, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 159, relative to net energy metering limits for customer-generators.

Senate Bill 159 is nearly identical to two bills that were vetoed and sustained in previous legislative sessions. The proponents of this bill claim to have made a compromise, when in fact it still would result in hundreds of millions of dollars in higher electric rates for our citizens. These costs would be felt most by low-income families and seniors in New Hampshire, and that is not acceptable.

I am committed to finding a true compromise. We have the opportunity to move forward with a smarter clean energy policy, done the New Hampshire way. I have worked with legislators to propose new legislation that expands access to net metering for cities, towns, and businesses and still lower their electricity bills. Let's work together and pass common ground net metering legislation to create smart clean energy opportunities for our state.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 159.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor