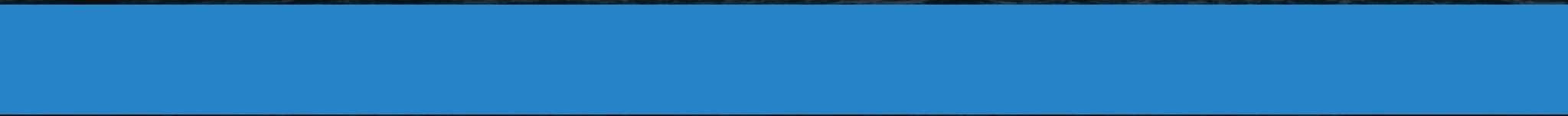






Commission to Study Offshore Wind and Port Development





Development of a new offshore wind development industry is in the beginning stages of expanding to northern New England. It should be a goal of the state of New Hampshire to maximize the economic benefit that will come to New Hampshire as a result of this new industry.



Purpose of Bill (HB1245)

- To investigate in parallel with BOEM study economic development opportunities for NH in the following categories:
 - Supply chain needs
 - Port capabilities
 - Workforce development
 - Energy procurement, transmission, and storage
 - Fisheries and marine environment
- To ensure the success of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine
- May consider if contracts with developers and utilities can deliver lower costs to rate payers

Commission Members

- Two members of Senate, one from each party
 1. ***Senator David Watters***
 2. ***Senator Jeb Bradley***
- *Four members of the House of Representatives*
 1. *House Environment & Agriculture: ***Rep. Jane Beaulieu****
 2. *Fish and Game & Marine Resources: ***Rep. Kathryn Harvey****
 3. *Science, Technology & Energy: ***Rep. Peter Somssich****
 4. ***Rep. Renny Cushing***
- *Office of Strategic Initiatives: ***Matthew Mailloux****
- *Business & Economic Affairs: ***Taylor Caswell (Mark LaLiberte – alternate)****
- *Dept. of Environmental Services: ***Ted Diers (Steven Couture – alternate)****
- *Public Utilities Commission: ***Dianne Martin****
- *Fish & Game Dept.: ***Cheri Patterson****

Commission Members (cont.)

- *Consumer Advocate:* **Donald Kreis**
- *Pease Development Authority:*
- *Clean Energy NH:* **Michael Behrmann**
- *President of University of New Hampshire:* **Diane Foster**
- *Community College System of NH:* **Sean Clancy**
- *2 members representing NH Commercial Fishing Community:*
 1. **Jim Titone**
- *Business & Industry Assoc. of NH:* **Tony Giunta**
- *2 members representing Labor, IBEW, & AFL-CIO:* **Joe Casey & Glenn Brackett**
- *NH Electric Transmission Utility:* **Vandan Divatia**
- *Rockingham Regional Planning Commission:* **Tim Roache**
- *Strafford Regional Planning Commission:* **Jennifer Czysz**

Commission Duties

- Commission shall consider and make recommendations on the following topics:
 1. Opportunities to establish a supply chain supporting development of offshore wind facilities
 2. Assess capabilities of Portsmouth harbor to become a regional hub both on and offshore to attract developers in the industry
 3. Evaluate potential workforce and workforce housing and transportation needs, and NH's ability to provide workforce educational opportunities, training, development, recruitment, housing, and transportation to meet those needs and benefits of utilizing NH workforce to the fullest extent possible
 4. Potential locations to interconnect offshore wind facilities to onshore transmission grid and advisability of an independent transmission solicitation process
 5. Opportunities for contracts and solicitations with offshore wind developers to ensure full development of projects at lowest cost to rate payers

Commission Duties (cont.)

- Commission shall consider and make recommendations on the following topics:
 6. Opportunities for research partnerships with UNH and CCSNH on workforce development, technology, and environmental issues
 7. Opportunities in coordination with congressional delegation and Dept. of Navy for use of facilities at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
 8. Appropriate accommodations and protections for fisheries and marine habitat
 9. Coordinate with partner states on marine surveys and studies, meta-ocean data, and transmission studies
 10. Energy procurement requirements and schedules for public utilities
 11. Role of energy storage in transmission or energy procurement

Duties of the Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development



Support the work of NH members of Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force and BOEM



Assist in developing and implementing offshore wind development strategies including:

- Assessment of port facilities
- Economic impact analyses
- Supply chain analyses
- Outcome and performance measurements



Collaborate with key state agencies and partners on development initiatives

Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development Duties (cont.)

Coordinate offshore wind industry economic development policy, including:

- Development of workforce
- Identification of and recruitment of offshore wind development employers
- Identification and recruitment of offshore wind supply chain employers
- Promotion of NH's benefits to the various components of the offshore wind industry
- Provide updates and guidance to the general court regarding policy and funding