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Introduced by Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Fagan of
Rutland City, and Parent of St. Albans Town

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; public service; natural resources; land use; siting; wind
turbine noise

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Public Service Board to make findings on low frequency noise and infrasound
when making siting determinations on wind turbines.

An act relating to noise from wind turbines

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Vermont Public Service Board recognizes that noise limits are
necessary to protect the public from adverse health effects of noise and has
imposed limits for audible noise from wind turbine projects.

(2) To date, the Public Service Board has declined to require monitoring
or impose conditions related to low frequency noise or infrasound when
issuing a certificate of public good to wind projects.

1 of existing property owners to enjoy their property without interference due to
2 low frequency noise or infrasound. In this subdivision (12):

3 (A) “Infrasound” means sound below 20 hertz (Hz).

4 (B) “Low frequency noise” means sound between a frequency range
5 of 20 and 200 Hz.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.