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Act No. 150 (H.739). Public service; energy, energy efficiency, self-managed energy efficiency

An act relating to energy productivity investments under the self-managed energy efficiency program

This act makes multiple changes to the self-managed energy efficiency program, including: changing the qualifications for customer participation; authorizing energy productivity programs and measures as an eligible investment; allowing funds from outside entities to count toward a participant's monetary commitment; and requiring that the electric energy savings from projects in the program be bid into ISO-New England's Forward Capacity Market program if the Department of Service determines it is cost-effective to do so.

The act also directs the Public Utility Commission to establish the Energy Savings Account Partnership (ESA) Pilot Program as an expansion of the existing ESA option. The Pilot Program will allow a participant, working with Efficiency Vermont, to place the participant's electric efficiency charge payments in an ESA and then use 100 percent of the funds on the participant's own energy efficiency projects. The Pilot Program will last for three years after which the Public Utility Commission will conduct an evaluation and report to the General Assembly about whether or not the Pilot Program should be continued

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