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Senator Lyons moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read:

Sec. 3. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION REPORT; NET METERING
SYSTEMS GREATER THAN 150 kW

(a) On or before January 15, 2019, the Public Utility Commission (Commission) shall report to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee on Finance with recommendations on whether to make changes to the treatment, under 30 V.S.A. chapter 89, of net metering systems greater than 150 kW in plant capacity. The report shall include the following:

(1) A summary of the current treatment of such systems under the Commission’s rules, including any recent changes proposed or made in the biennial update proceeding under Rule 5.100 initiated by the Commission in 2018.

(2) Whether renewable energy plants that qualify as such net metering systems should continue to be encouraged through the Net Metering Program under 30 V.S.A. § 8010 or whether a different program should be employed to encourage such plants. The Commission’s consideration of this issue shall include the possible use to encourage such plants of the Standard Offer

1 Program under 30 V.S.A. § 8005a and any other options to encourage such
2 plants identified by the Commission.

3 (3) The Commission’s recommendations, if any, for changes to existing
4 statutes applicable to such net metering systems.

5 (4) Any other relevant issues identified by the Commission.

6 (b) Prior to issuing the report required under subsection (a) of this section,
7 the Commission shall convene at least four meetings of affected and interested
8 persons to obtain comment and information on the issues identified in this
9 section. Such persons shall include the Department of Public Service,
10 representatives from the utilities, Renewable Energy Vermont, and developers
11 and customers of net metering systems of 150 kW or greater.

12 (c) Terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A.
13 § 8002.

14 and by renumbering the current Sec. 3 to be Sec. 4

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16 (Committee vote: _____)

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