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Senator Pearson moves that the report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy be amended following Sec. 11b, by inserting a Sec. 11c to read as follows:

Sec. 11c. REPORT; PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY  
DEPLOYMENT

(a) On or before July 1, 2019, the Department of Public Service (DPS or Department) shall submit a report that includes an analysis and recommendations to assist renewable energy developers, electric utilities, and other market participants plan for the deployment of renewable electric generation in a manner that is consistent with the statutory greenhouse gas reduction goals at 10 V.S.A. § 578; the goals, requirements, and programs related to renewable energy set forth or established in 30 V.S.A. chapter 89; and the goals of the 2016 Comprehensive Energy Plan. In the report, the Department shall consider the following:

(1) how to encourage the deployment of all types of renewable electric generation while minimizing curtailment of such generation;

(2) existing and projected transmission and distribution constraints on the siting of renewable electric generation and how to facilitate meeting the distributed renewable generation and energy transformation requirements of

1 the Renewable Energy Standard at 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004–8005 in light of those  
2 constraints;

3 (3) the role of energy storage;

4 (4) recommended methods to guide where renewable electric generation  
5 should be located in the State;

6 (5) recommended methods to guide the location in the State of end users  
7 that consume significant amounts of electric energy; and

8 (6) other relevant issues as determined by the Department.

9 (b) Prior to submitting this report, the Department shall provide an  
10 opportunity for written submission of relevant comments and information by  
11 the public and shall conduct one or more public meetings on the matters to be  
12 considered in the report.

13 (c) The Department shall submit the report to the House Committee on  
14 Energy and Technology and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Natural  
15 Resources and Energy.