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Act No. 151 (S.337). Energy; energy efficiency

An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors

This act allows an energy efficiency utility to use part of its budget for electric efficiency programs and services on programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the thermal energy and transportation sectors. This act only applies to the efficiency utility's 2021–23 budget and is limited to up to \$2M per year, for a total of \$6M over the course of the three-year period. The Public Utility Commission shall approve proposed projects but has discretion as to the amount of money to be spent on each proposed project. Projects must meet the criteria set forth in subsection (b) of Sec. 1 of this act, including that the project has a nexus to electricity usage, be “additive and complementary to and shall not replace or be in competition” with energy transformation projects undertaken by a distribution utility under tier III of the Renewable Energy Standard (30 V.S.A. § 8005), and other criteria. The act has other provisions concerning proposed projects, how any GHG reductions will be accounted for, and reports to the General Assembly.

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