

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21

S.171

Senator Bray moves that the bill be amended by striking out [redacted] and inserting new sections [redacted] and [redacted] to read as follows:

* * * Efficiency Vermont and Thermal Efficiency * * *

Sec. 1. EFFICIENCY VERMONT; FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL
THERMAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Efficiency Vermont may use the following funds for thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(1):

(1) any balances in the Electric Efficiency Fund that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are carried forward from prior calendar years pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(A); and

(2) any funds that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are not spent for another purpose in calendar years 2019 and 2020.

* * * Public Utility Commission Proceeding * * *

Sec. 2. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PROCEEDING

(a) The Public Utility Commission shall open a proceeding, or continue an existing proceeding, to consider the following:

(1) Creation of an all-fuels efficiency utility or utilities. Whether one or more entities should be appointed to provide for the coordinated development, implementation, and monitoring of efficiency, conservation, and related

1 programs and services as to all regulated fuels, unregulated fuels, and fossil
2 fuels as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(3). The Commission shall consider all
3 information and factors it deems appropriate, including whether the
4 appointment of one or more such entities would:

5 (A) help achieve the State goals set forth in 10 V.S.A. §§ 578, 580,
6 and 581;

7 (B) further the recommendations contained in the State
8 Comprehensive Energy Plan;

9 (C) further the objectives set forth in 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(B);

10 (D) develop and utilize a full cost-benefit, full life cycle accounting
11 method for analyzing energy policy and programs; and

12 (E) employ metrics that assess positive and negative externalities,
13 including health impacts on individuals and the public.

14 (2) Expansion of the programs and services efficiency utilities may
15 provide. Whether efficiency programs and services, whether provided by an
16 existing entity appointed by the Commission or provided by one or more new
17 entities pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, should incorporate
18 additional technologies and strategies, including:

19 (A) demand response;

20 (B) flexible load management to reduce electric peak usage;

21 (C) energy storage;

1 (D) reduction of fossil fuel use through electrification; and

2 (E) building shell improvement and weatherization.

3 (3) Funding. How best to provide consistent and adequate funding for
4 these programs and services.

5 (b) Process. The Commission shall schedule workshops and seek written
6 filings from all interested stakeholders and ensure that all stakeholders have an
7 opportunity to provide input.

8 (c) Reports. On or before:

9 (1) January 15, 2020, the Commission shall submit a preliminary report
10 to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee
11 on Natural Resources and Energy concerning its progress and any preliminary
12 findings and recommendations; and

13 (2) January 15, 2021, the Commission shall submit a final written report
14 to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee
15 on Natural Resources and Energy with its findings and any recommendations,
16 including any recommendations for legislative action.