
This summary is of a bill that was vetoed by the Governor and may be reconsidered by the General Assembly prior to final adjournment of the 2021–2022 legislative session. This summary is provided for the convenience of the public and members of the General Assembly; it provides a general summary of the bill and may not be exhaustive. This summary has been prepared by the staff of the Office of Legislative Counsel without input from members of the General Assembly and is not intended to aid in the interpretation of legislation or to serve as a source of legislative intent.

H.715 (Vetoed). Climate change; air pollution; renewable energy; heating; fuel

This bill would have directed the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to design the Clean Heat Standard (CHS) and submit rules establishing and regulating it to the General Assembly. The CHS would have required entities that made the first sale of heating fuel into Vermont to reduce their amount of greenhouse gas emissions every year. The required reduction would have been determined by the PUC by determining the reduction amount needed to meet the thermal sector portion of the required reductions under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a). Greenhouse gas reductions would have been represented by clean heat credits. Obligated parties would have needed to either generate or purchase clean heat credits sufficient to cover their required amount every year. Clean heat credits would have been generated by actions approved by the PUC called clean heat measures. Obligated parties would have been required to have at least 32 percent of their annual clean heat credits come from customers with low and moderate income.

Vetoed by the Governor: May 6, 2022

Effective Date: Not applicable