

1 H.327

2 Introduced by Representative Logan of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public service; energy; utilities; Public Utility Commission; labor

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require any
7 corporation regulated by the Public Utility Commission that contracts to
8 construct an energy facility to receive a line-item budget from the contractor
9 and attestation from the contractor that union labor was used on the
10 construction of the facility and the prevailing wage was paid.

11 An act relating to labor requirements for certain energy projects

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 205a is added to read:

14 § 205a. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ENERGY FACILITIES

15 (a) For any energy generation facility it constructs after January 1, 2025, a
16 corporation subject to supervision under this chapter shall submit to the
17 Commission within 60 days after construction is completed:

18 (1) a certified copy of any contract for the energy generation facility
19 with a line-item budget; and

1 (2) an attestation that each contract awarded for any energy generation
2 facility with a construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00:

3 (A) was constructed using unionized labor paid not less than the
4 prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor
5 in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional fringe
6 benefit of 42.5 percent of wage, as calculated by the current Vermont
7 prevailing wage survey; or

8 (B) if unionized labor was not available, was constructed by
9 employees paid not less than the mean prevailing wage published periodically
10 by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and
11 wage survey plus an additional fringe benefit of 42.5 percent of wage, as
12 calculated by the current Vermont prevailing wage survey.

13 (b) As used in this section, “fringe benefits” means benefits, including paid
14 vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer contributions and reimbursements
15 to health insurance and retirement benefits, and similar benefits that are
16 incidents of employment.

17 (c) The Commission shall make the documents required under this section
18 available for public review, with any personally identifiable information
19 redacted.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.