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Introduced by Representative Logan of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; Public Utility Commission; State energy policy;
greenhouse gas emissions; equity

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to incorporate economic equity and beneficial electrification into the State energy policy.

An act relating to updates to the State energy policy

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

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 202a is amended to read:

§ 202a. STATE ENERGY POLICY

It is the general policy of the State of Vermont:

(1) To ensure to the greatest extent practicable that Vermont can meet its energy service needs in a manner that is adequate, reliable, secure, and sustainable; that ensures affordability and equitable distribution of energy burden at the household level, and encourages the State's economic vitality, the efficient use of energy resources, and cost-effective demand-side management; and that is environmentally sound.

1 (2) To identify and evaluate, on an ongoing basis, resources that will
2 meet Vermont's energy service needs in accordance with the principles of
3 reducing greenhouse gas emissions and least-cost integrated planning,
4 including efficiency, conservation, beneficial electrification, and load
5 management alternatives; wise use of renewable resources; and
6 environmentally sound energy supply.

7 (3) To meet Vermont's energy service needs in a manner that will
8 achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions requirements pursuant to
9 10 V.S.A § 578 and is consistent with the Vermont Climate Action Plan
10 adopted and updated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 592.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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