

1 H.597
2 Introduced by Representatives Campbell of St. Johnsbury and James of
3 Manchester
4 Referred to Committee on
5 Date:
6 Subject: Public service; utility companies; renewable energy
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
8 Public Utility Commission to study and report on expediting renewable energy
9 development by identifying town or regional preferred sites with proximity to
10 existing distribution and transmission infrastructure.

11 An act relating to the study of expediting renewable energy development
12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13 Sec. 1. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND EXISTING
14 INFRASTRUCTURE; REPORT
15 The Public Utility Commission shall study and report on how to expedite
16 renewable energy development by examining municipal and regional preferred
17 sites identified in enhanced energy plans and their proximity to existing energy
18 distribution and transmission infrastructure. The report shall analyze to what
19 extent developing preferred sites that are closer in proximity to existing energy
20 infrastructure could result in the creation of more renewable energy facilities

1 on a shorter timescale. The Chair shall submit the report to the House
2 Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on
3 Natural Resources and Energy on or before January 15, 2027.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.