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Introduced by Representatives Campbell of St. Johnsbury and James of
Manchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; utility companies; renewable energy

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
Public Utility Commission to study and report on expediting renewable energy
development by identifying town or regional preferred sites with proximity to
existing distribution and transmission infrastructure.

An act relating to the study of expediting renewable energy development

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

Sec. 1. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND EXISTING
INFRASTRUCTURE; REPORT

The Public Utility Commission shall study and report on how to expedite
renewable energy development by examining municipal and regional preferred
sites identified in enhanced energy plans and their proximity to existing energy
distribution and transmission infrastructure. The report shall analyze to what
extent developing preferred sites that are closer in proximity to existing energy
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.