



**House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure- April 15, 2026**  
**Written Testimony on H. 600, An act relating to appliance efficiency**  
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Burlington Electric Department (BED) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H. 600 and the proposed amendment as posted on the Committee's website on April 8, 2026.

It is BED's understanding that this amendment would have the effect of updating statutory provisions that authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Service to make rules to set Vermont appliance efficiency standards that meet or exceed the federal appliance efficiency standards as updated in 2025. Further, it is BED's understanding that such Vermont appliance efficiency standards would only become enforceable in the event of the federal government repealing, revoking or voiding the federal appliance efficiency standards. In effect, H. 600 provides for continuity of the application of federal appliance standards via state-level rules in case the federal standards are removed.

BED supports H. 600 and the proposed amendment as consistent application of appliance efficiency standards is an essential component of BED's successful delivery of efficiency services to its customers.

BED has a long and robust track record of delivering comprehensive energy efficiency programs as a Public Utility Commission-appointed Energy Efficiency Utility. Such programs include technical assistance, incentives and financing for energy efficiency improvements for new construction projects, existing residential and commercial buildings and incentives for customer purchases of efficient appliances meeting Energy Star program eligibility. Appliance efficiency standards ensure that manufacturers will provide a steady supply of appliances meeting minimum efficiency requirements. Consistent application of appliance efficiency standards means customers will continue to have access to a wide range of efficient products when making appliance purchases, so that customers are able to lock in energy savings for years to come, and BED is able to pass those savings in reduced energy supply purchases on to all of its customers.

BED welcomes any questions the Committee may have on H. 600 and the proposed amendment and we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and support for the bill.

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