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Senate Brings More Energy Opportunities into New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH – Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) released the following statement today on the Senate passing of HB 710-FN:

“Utility costs have been an issue in the Granite State but we now have the opportunity to help differentiate New Hampshire’s energy and lower energy prices. This bill moves our state’s energy policy forward by allowing more solar projects and expanding the scope of nuclear opportunities in the Granite State. With this bill, we can bring more energy into our state by increasing the Megawatt caps of these projects and bringing utilities costs down. More energy opportunities mean a higher energy supply vs demand. This initiative is a win for our state’s energy policy and opens the door for further alternative energy access in the future.” *Written by Peter O’Neill*

Background: HB 710-FN authorizes electric utilities in New Hampshire to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, defined as Generation IV nuclear technologies, including small modular and microreactors. All resources will have an overall cap of 3 million mwh (megawatt hours) and 2 million mwh for multiple advanced nuclear sources. It also clarified the duties of the state’s nuclear development coordinator and allowed investor-owned utilities to issue requests for energy proposals, with longer deadlines specifically for nuclear resources.

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