



What's happening?

Energy Choice Bills Passed in Eight States!

Kentucky, Arizona, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Utah are the eight states that have bills to protect the right of consumers to choose propane and/or natural gas as their energy source.

Similar bills have been introduced in state legislatures in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, **New Hampshire**, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming!

Watch for a Call to Action in coming weeks:

- **NH:** We will be asking members to contact the House Committee in New Hampshire to support the Freedom of Choice bill which has already passed the NH Senate!
- **NY:** When we will be asking New York members to ask the Climate Action Committee (CAC) to do a cost analysis/study on the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

State Bill Tracking

NEHPBA is currently tracking over 130 bills in our seven states. Some of these bills have not released language yet. We expect hearings to begin shortly on several bills of concern. We encourage members to be reading our emails,

State Advocacy

- 4/8 submitted written testimony on Rhode Island climate policy legislation (SB 78).
- Submitting written testimony on CT SB 882 AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE: MITIGATION AND HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY
- 2/10 we testified in opposition to CT HB 6386 a product stewardship bill for gas cylinders
- And, on 4/14, we got another win. The legislation has been significantly modified to place the burden of creating a stewardship program onto the producers also making participation in the program voluntary for retailers.
- 3/9 we offered testimony - MA Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030
- 3/18 we testified in opposition to H 5967 Climate Adaptation Fund bill to create a carbon tax on petroleum products. Held for further study.
- 3/4 testified on RI H5279 in opposition of a bill to restrict energy siting for propane bulk plants and other energies. Held for further study.
- 2/26 we submitted testimony on RI H5445 the 2021 act on climate Update: Held for further study
- 2/18 we testified in support of CT SB 152 to allow electronic delivery of delivery tickets - Update: Bill is moving forward
- 2/18 we offered comments in support CT HB 6412 a biofuels bill to educate the committee about the importance of energy diversity
- 2/12 we testified in opposition of NH HB 172 a GHG climate bill
- 2/12 we testified in support of NH HB 399 a bill to change the focus of NH's energy consumption reduction goal to GHG emissions rather than fossil fuels. Update: Killed in committee
- 2/8 we testified in support of NH SB 86 a bill to protect propane from state bans
- 2/9 we testified in opposition of NH SB 115 a GHG climate bill.
- Sent letters of congratulations and introduction on behalf of all members to newly elected freshman legislators in all 7 states

Virtual Hill Day:

Joel Etter (HHT), David Kuhfahl (Hearthstone) & Karen Arpino (NEHPBA) met personally with several legislators and staff to discuss Tax Credits, Stove

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Rep. Berger-Givralo, (D) CT
Rep. Katherine Clark (D) [MA-05]
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D) [VT]

Wednesday, April 07, 2021

Rep. Peter Welch (D) [VT-01]
Chairman of MA House, Rep Jeff Roy

Thursday, April 08, 2021

Sen. Ed Markey (D) [MA]
Rep. Seth Moulton (D) [MA-06]
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I) [VT]

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HPBExpo Connect virtual event:

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