

Amendment to HB 1230

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study the economic impact of national or regional
4 carbon pricing on New Hampshire.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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8 1 New Subdivision; Economic Impact of National or Regional Carbon Pricing Study
9 Commission. Amend RSA 12-A by inserting after section 67 the following new subdivision:

10 Economic Impact of National or Regional Carbon Pricing Study Commission

11 12-A:68 Economic Impact of National or Regional Carbon Pricing Study Commission.

12 I. A commission is established to study the economic impact of national or regional carbon
13 pricing on New Hampshire.

14 II. The commission shall consist of the following members:

15 (a) Two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
16 house of representatives and one appointed by the minority leader, both members of the science,
17 technology and energy committee.

18 (b) Two members of the senate, one appointed by the president of the senate and one
19 appointed by the minority leader, both members of the senate energy and natural resources
20 committee.

21 (c) The director of the department of business and economic affairs, or his or her
22 designee.

23 (d) The consumer advocate of the office of the consumer advocate, or his or her
24 designee.

25 (e) Two representatives of the business and industry community, one appointed by the
26 Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, and one appointed by New Hampshire
27 Businesses for Social Responsibility.

28 (f) The director of the department of environmental services, or his or her designee.

29 (g) The chairperson of the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board, or his or her
30 designee.

31 (h) One representative from an electric distribution company, appointed by the
32 governor.

33 (i) One representative from an environmental nonprofit group, appointed by the

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1 governor.

2 (j) One representative of the oil and gas industry, appointed by the governor.

3 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
4 when attending to the duties of the commission.

5 IV. The commission shall study, receiving testimony, advice, and other input at its
6 discretion from relevant state agencies, organizations, and individuals:

7 (a) The various carbon pricing programs being proposed at the national and regional
8 levels.

9 (b) The effects of the pricing would have on state energy costs, both short and long
10 term.

11 (c) The effects such pricing would have on state businesses and industries, including
12 tourism.

13 (d) The effects such pricing would have on the state job market.

14 (e) The short term and long term effects such pricing would have on consumers.

15 (f) The short term and long term effects such pricing would otherwise have on state
16 costs and the state's economy.

17 V. The commission shall solicit information as needed from outside individuals and groups.

18 VI. At the conclusion of its study, the commission shall make appropriate recommendations
19 to prepare the state for the possibility of national or regional carbon pricing.

20 VII. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members,
21 and hold the first meeting of the commission within 45 days of the effective date of this section. The
22 first named member of the house shall call the first meeting. Eight members of the commission
23 shall constitute a quorum.

24 VIII. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations for proposed
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

27 2 Repeal. RSA 12-A:68, relative to the economic impact of national and regional carbon pricing
28 study commission, is repealed.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the economic impact of a national or regional carbon pricing program on New Hampshire.