

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3473

TITLE: An Act relative to the Energy Facilities Siting Board

SPONSOR: Representative Michael S. Day

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 9, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3688, heard by committee; no further action taken
2021-2022: H.3285 heard by committee; no further action taken.
2019-2020: H.2833 heard by committee; accompanied study order H.4405.
2017-2018: H.1736 heard by committee; accompanied study order H.4651.
2015-2016: H.4357 referred to House Rules; reported, referred to Joint Rules; reported, rules suspended, referred to TUE; no further action taken.

CURRENT LAW:

Section 69H of chapter 164 of the General Laws establishes the energy facility siting board (EFSB). The EFSB is required to provide a reliable energy supply for the commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the EFSB to also consider public health impacts, as well as the wellbeing of residents abutting a project.