JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3489

TITLE: An Act authorizing borrowing by cities and towns at zero percent

from the Commonwealth for green energy sources

SPONSOR: Representative Paul K. Frost

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 16, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3162 heard by Committee; accompanied a study order,

H.4778.

2021-2022: H.3304 heard by Committee; no further action taken.

2019-2020: H.2856 heard by Committee; accompanied a study order,

H.4405.

2017-2018: H.1741 heard by Committee; accompanied a study order,

H.4651.

2015-2016: H.2876 heard by Committee; accompanied a study order,

H.4177.

2013-2014: Heard by Committee, accompanied a study order, H.3932.

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 44 of the General Laws relates to municipal finance.

SUMMARY:

The legislation would allow cities and towns to borrow from the Commonwealth at 0% for expenses related to studying or creating green energy sources of power within the city or town.