

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3555

TITLE: An Act relative to reporting on funds received from the Clean Energy Standard and future Clean Heat Standard program

SPONSOR: Representative Jeffrey N. Roy

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 16, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: New file

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 21N of the General Laws pertains to the Climate Protection and Green Economy Act and the statewide emissions limits.

SUMMARY:

Requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide an annual report by August 15th to the Governor, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees detailing all expenditures made over the previous fiscal year from funds received by DEP from alternative compliance payments, as well as expenditures made from the redemption or sale by DEP of credits or certificates pursuant to the Commonwealth's Climate Protection and Green Economy Act (MGL Ch.21N), including the Clean Energy Standard and the future Clean Heat Standard program.

This report will include a description of the cost impacts of these DEP expenditures on gas and electric ratepayers (quantified as monthly bill impacts delineated by customer class or group), as well as the impact on entities under the jurisdiction of DEP and participating in such programs. The report must describe how such DEP expenditures contribute to achieving compliance with the Commonwealth's Ch.21N emissions limits and sublimits.