

NC Energy Policy Council: Statements of Support for Energy Legislation

Whereas the General Assembly has established through SESSION LAW 2009-446/ HOUSE BILL 1481 the NC Energy Policy Council as follows:

SECTION 3. G.S. 113B-2: § 113B-2. Creation of Energy Policy Council; purpose of Council.

(a) There is hereby created a council to advise and make recommendations on energy policy to the Governor and the General Assembly to be known as the Energy Policy Council which shall be located within the Department of Commerce.

(c) The Energy Policy Council shall serve as the central energy policy planning body of the State and shall communicate and cooperate with federal, State, regional and local bodies and agencies to the end of effecting a coordinated energy policy.

And whereas, it's duties and responsibilities are defined as follows:

SECTION 6. G.S. 113B-6: § 113B-6. General duties and responsibilities.

(4) To recommend to the Governor and to the General Assembly needed energy legislation and to recommend for implementation such modifications of energy policy, plans and programs as the Council considers necessary and desirable.

And whereas the following legislative items have been brought before the EPC for endorsement, the NC Energy Policy Council supports the goals, objectives, and intent of the following bills under consideration, without comment as to specific language:

HB 282, Green School Construction/Loan fund
<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h282>

HB 695 University/ Community College Savings- this would address one of the recommendations of EE committee but would need to be expanded to include K-12
<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h695>

HB 1199 would require that any buildings constructed with a certain threshold of state funding meet the energy efficiency requirements of state government buildings (established in SB 668 in 2007)
<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h1199>

HB 1290 Would adopt CA's clean cars standard
<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h1290>

HB 1440- Feed in Tariffs- changed to a study bill since it was clear we did not have support to pass a FIT outright.

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookup/BillLookup.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h1440>

HB 1443- would require that NC adopt green building code

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookup/BillLookup.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h1443>

HB 504 which would provide a tax credit for the construction of energy efficient homes and manufactured homes

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookup/BillLookup.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h504>

HB 1205- which would establish a permanent commission on Climate Change

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookup/BillLookup.pl?Session=2009&BillID=h1205>