

N.H. Lawmakers Try - And Mostly Fail - To Override Sununu's Vetoes

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For the second year in a row, state legislators have narrowly voted down an expansion of net energy metering for towns and businesses. Their vote today of 248 to 132 upholds the [governor's veto of the bill](#), falling six votes short of an override.

This same [bill](#) was vetoed last year. State reps were 14 votes short of an override then. The bill would have raised the limit, from 1 megawatt to 5, on how much energy large customers can generate themselves and sell back to the grid to lower their energy bills.



Sen. Jay Kahn, D-Keene, discussing a vetoed bill Sept. 19, 2019.
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It was seen partly as a referendum on larger-scale solar power in New Hampshire, where the sector has been far slower to grow than the rest of New England. Several towns and businesses have said they would have moved forward with new solar projects or hydro expansions if the bill passed. Opponents argued this bill's failure does not preclude developers from building larger solar arrays, which already receive some subsidies.