

To the Study Committee for SB191,

I truly appreciate the amount of work that you, your staff, and Navigant Consulting have put into this document.

There are two additions I would like to see.

The first is I would like to see the state encourage the federal government to invest more in basic research for sustainable energy sources. It is basic research that is going to provide the technological advances that make these energy sources cost effective. We need those advances to be non-proprietary, and available industry-wide, which is best achieved through public funding of research.

The second is I would like to see a consumer education component. I think UNH Cooperative Extension does a good job of dispensing knowledge about topics of interest to consumers, and the state should consider using them as the primary vehicle for disseminating the information consumers need to make wise decisions about their energy consumption.

This is particularly important since the information about programs is fragmented. I think they could integrate that information in a way that helped consumers to find the options that make sense for their particular situation, and I think they have the network that could get that information into the hands of consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,
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