



**HD2206: An Act relative to multi-state offshore wind procurement  
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An Act relative to multi-state offshore wind procurement will help create new jobs; lower energy costs; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by exploring options to cooperatively procure additional offshore wind power with the other New England states.

Bill Summary:

- Requires the department of energy resources to consult with the appropriate state government agencies in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, and Connecticut for the purpose of determining the feasibility of creating a multi-state offshore wind energy generation solicitation and procurement of up to 6,000 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity by December 31, 2035.

What are the benefits of this bill?

- **Controls Energy Costs:** Utility-scale renewable energy projects, like offshore wind, provide electricity to the grid at prices below traditional fossil-fuel generators. There is no fuel cost to cover, resulting in lower wholesale energy costs. A recent analysis shows that an 800 megawatt offshore wind farm planned for the waters off the Commonwealth will result in a net \$1.4 billion benefit for Massachusetts ratepayers. By working with the other New England states, Massachusetts can take advantage of economies of scale and seek new offshore wind projects that will provide economic benefits here and in the region.
- **Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Making electricity with offshore wind produces no greenhouse gas emissions. Right now, every megawatt of clean offshore wind will replace a megawatt of older, fossil-fuel powered electricity generation. By replacing fossil-fuel power generation with renewable resources like offshore wind we can significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. The creation of 6,000 new megawatts of offshore wind can provide enough energy to power about 2.4 million homes, with little or no carbon footprint.
- **Promotes Local Energy Service Jobs:** By promoting offshore wind, this statute will set the stage to develop more Massachusetts-based jobs. Already some of the world's largest offshore wind companies are making their US headquarters in Massachusetts.
- **Demonstrates Leadership:** New England states have recently looked to Massachusetts for leadership on offshore wind. In fact, Rhode Island was able to piggy-back on our last effort to solicit bids for new offshore wind. This statute will encourage direct dialog among the six New England states to encourage new cooperative and cost-saving approaches to build more offshore wind.