

Energy Bill [HL]

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Before Clause 1

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Before Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Principal purpose

- (1) The principal purpose of this Act is—
 - (a) to increase the resilience and reliability of energy systems across the United Kingdom,
 - (b) to support the delivery of the United Kingdom’s climate change commitments,
 - (c) to reform the United Kingdom’s energy system while minimising costs to consumers and protecting them from unfair pricing, and
 - (d) to improve the overall efficiency of the United Kingdom energy system and economy.
- (2) The Secretary of State must report to Parliament annually on—
 - (a) how the resilience and reliability of energy systems across the United Kingdom are being increased;
 - (b) how the United Kingdom’s climate change commitments in relation to energy are being delivered, including updates on—
 - (i) the decarbonisation of existing electricity usage, and
 - (ii) the electrification of processes in the United Kingdom so that they are powered by electricity rather than other primary energy sources;
 - (c) how costs to consumers are being minimised and how unfair pricing is being avoided.
- (3) In performing functions under this Act, the Secretary of State and any public authority must have regard to the principal purpose set out in subsection (1).”

After Clause 187

LORD RAVENSDALE

After Clause 187, insert the following new Clause—

“PART 7A

LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLANS

Duty to provide guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish guidance for local authorities on local area energy planning within 12 months of this Act being passed.
- (2) The guidance in subsection (1) may include, but is not limited to, guidance on—
 - (a) contributing towards meeting the targets set under—
 - (i) Part 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (UK net zero emissions target and budgeting), and
 - (ii) sections 1 to 3 of the Environment Act 2021 (environmental targets);
 - (b) adapting to any current or predicted impacts of climate change identified in the most recent report under section 56 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (report on impact of climate change);
 - (c) the data and assumptions used in creating a local area energy plan;
 - (d) the roles and responsibilities of those involved in creating a local area energy plan;
 - (e) the minimum standards for a local area energy plan.
- (3) Local authorities must have regard to the guidance produced under subsection (1) when developing local area energy plans.
- (4) In this section, “local authority” has the meaning given in section 178.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides guidance for local authorities to help them produce Local Area Energy Plans. It aims to widen the roll out of Local Area Energy Plans among local authorities and help better define the role of local authorities in delivering the future energy system.

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