



SUPPORT

A. 6571 (Paulin)/S. 5190 (Griffo)

Establishes the Energy Storage Deployment Program

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A.6571 (Paulin)/S. 5190 (Griffo), which would direct the Public Service Commission to establish an energy storage deployment program.

New York State, municipal and county governments across the state, and the federal government have all adopted programs and policies to encourage the development of renewable energy resources, in recognition of the role renewables play in reducing greenhouse gas and particulate matter emissions and creating jobs. Whether renewables are utility-scale or installed on a single building, two common issues they face are intermittent generation and misaligned generation. For instance, it is sunnier or windier at some times than at others, and the windiest times of day rarely align with peak demand for electricity.

Energy storage can solve these problems by absorbing excess energy when it is overproduced and releasing it back onto the grid during times of peak demand or underproduction - times at which demand is currently met by the dirtiest power plants. A. 6571/S. 5190 would define a qualified energy storage system and create an energy storage program that encourages the installation of energy storage systems and sets statewide goals for the deployment of storage systems by 2030. Successfully implemented, such a program could make renewable energy a more attractive investment for both utilities and building and homeowners, reduce strain on the grid during peak demand, and lessen the need for inefficient peaking power plants.

For these reasons the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) urges passage of this legislation.

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