

LD 2174

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LD 2174 appears to bring on an absolutely shocking and stunning level of governmental overreach by over-riding town ordinances regarding solar energy, wind energy, energy storage and high-impact transmission lines.

Home Rule, a time-honored and long-standing tradition, loses all its ability to protect towns from abuses in these very important matters of future energy production.

The ordinances in our various towns regarding these matters were all developed by serious, concerned and hard-working citizens – most of whom volunteered many hours of work. This bill would wipe out all of this local work in an instant with no consideration or respect for all of the thought, concern and time that went into writing these ordinances.

A number of these ordinances are also written with knowledge of the existing fire response abilities of the town and the increased burden that industrial energy infrastructure imposes. These concerns which do not seem to appear in LD 2174.

Another matter which seems to have come to light is the possibility that this bill might be unconstitutional according to the present conditions for the second year of legislative

work. This very much merits further investigation and explanation.