

SD710/HD1296 - An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and home ordinances

Senate Sponsor: State Senator Jamie Eldridge

SUMMARY

This bill would allow municipalities to vote on a **ban on new fossil fuel infrastructure** within their city or town. It was filed in response to the Attorney General's ruling that municipalities did not have the legal authority to prohibit new fossil fuel infrastructure.



BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- Creates legal authority for cities and towns to adopt the provisions stated in this bill through a vote by the city or town's government.
- Starting in 2022, all new buildings, building construction projects, or major renovation projects would need to be **all-electric** and may not possess on-site fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Exceptions include natural gas and propane service if integral to the building's function, and emergency backup electricity generation systems.

WHY THIS BILL MATTERS

Many cities and towns in Massachusetts want to reduce their emissions by phasing out fossil fuel usage, but do not have the legal authority implement their plans. This bill will ensure that municipalities, with the will to combat climate change, will not be stopped from doing so.

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