



An act for affordable electric bills ([H.56](#))

This bill would limit the cost of your monthly electric utility bill based on your household income. Use this chart to see the maximum amount you would have to pay if this bill passes.

This bill will also allow residents to use Vermont's [LIHEAP](#) fuel assistance for their electricity bills.

As Vermonters are pushed to use more electricity to charge EV's, heat our homes and water, and cook, we must ensure that the cost of living does not become even more unaffordable for Vermonters who are already struggling.

		If your income is <i>less</i> than...	The maximum cost you will pay for electricity (including heat) each month is...	If you <u>don't</u> have electric heat, this is the max:
How many people are in your family?	1	\$25,141.50	\$125.71	\$62.85
		\$35,230.00	\$293.00	
	2	\$33,873.50	\$169.37	\$84.68
		\$46,800.00	\$390.00	
	3	\$42,605.50	\$213.03	\$106.51
		\$55,570.00	\$463.00	
	4	\$51,337.50	\$256.69	\$128.34
		\$117,750.00	\$588.00	
	5	\$60,069.50	\$300.35	\$150.17
		\$127,650.00	\$638.00	

FAQ

Who pays to offset these costs?

Higher income households would pay an estimated \$1.50 more on average

Will this make people use more electricity?

Not really. High income households, businesses, and industry use most of Vermont's electricity - not working class folks. Data shows that subsidizing utilities does cause an increase in use, but still not as much as high income households use anyways. Regardless, any increase in use by working class households will likely be due to meeting a need that was previously sacrificed. Plus, if other bills pass like the [Affordable Heat Act and Renewable Energy Standard](#), Vermonters will have more efficient homes and use more sustainable, locally produced energy.

Aren't there already programs to help people with electric bills?

There are, but people are still struggling. Green Mountain Power and Burlington Electric have existing programs, but they do not "cap" electricity, only offer small discounts for specific customers.

What can I do about this? How can I help?

We need everybody to join the movement to pass Environmental Justice policies like this one. It's important for your state legislators to hear that this is something you need and care about, and that they should prioritize this policy. You can also write an op-ed or letter to the editor, talk to neighbors and spread the word, join a community meeting, meet with your legislators, or even write a poem or design a flier.

Want something more from this policy? How do you think it can be stronger? Reach out to michael@radmovement.org to learn more, share your thoughts, and get involved!