Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail

Senate Bill 544

Relating to: requiring that local regulation of a wind energy system be consistent with Public Service Commission rules and granting rule-making authority.

By Senator Plale; cosponsored by Representative Montgomery.

February 29, 2008 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

March 5, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present:	(7)	Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
		Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent:	(0)	None.

Appearances For

- Jeff Plale, South Milwaukee Senator, 7th Senate District
- Eric Callisto, Madison WI PSC
- Michael Vickerman, Madison ReNew Wisconsin
- Curt Pawlisch, Madison ReNew Wisconsin
- Richard Stadelman, Shawano WI Towns Association
- Todd Stuart, Madison Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group
- Matt Bromley, Madison Customers First Coalition
- Nina Plaushin, Madison Wisconsin Public Power, Inc.
- John Sumi, Madison Madison Gas and Electric
- Jim Naleid, La Crosse AgWind Energy Partners
- David Blecker, Madison Seventh Generation Energy Systems Inc
- Tim Osterberg, Hubertus Emerging Energies of WI
- Michael Donahue, Chicago Midwest Wind Energy
- Edward Ritger, Random Lake
- Ryan Schryuer, Madison Clean Wisconsin
- Carol Terrell, Madison League of Women Voters of WI
- Chris Deisinger, Madison Union of Concerned Scientists
- Gerald Flakas, Delafield
- Dave Drapac, Madison

Appearances Against

- Bob Welch, Madison Cwest
- Glenn Stoddard, Eau Claire Cwest
- Merlin Gentz, Appleton

- Betty Wolcott, Osseo
- Daniel Hedrich, Chilton
- George Kamperman, Wisconsin Dells
- Jerome Hinak, Two Rivers
- Keith Stroobants, Chilton
- Dan Wallery, Eleva
- Rick Irwin, Tomah
- Wayne Udulitch, Janesville
- David Nelson, Mondovi
- Sheree Nelson, Eleva
- Delores Vind, Arcadia Cwest
- Dave Vind, Arcadia
- Paul Gehl, Hilbert
- Karen Van Asten, Fond du Lac Cwest
- Jacqueline Bangert, Chilton
- Don Bangert, Chilton
- Kendall Schneider, Evansville
- Sage Kramer, Ettrick
- Karen Etter Hale, Madison Madison Audubon Society
- Lee Bjork, Chilton
- Kevin Kawula, Brodhead
- Lynda Kawula, Brodhead
- Douglas Fries, Norwalk
- Ervin Selk, Chilton
- Graceann Toberman, Brodhead
- DuWayne Klessing, Chilton
- Jeff Roberts, Mishicot
- Arlen Simonson, Wilton
- Glen Schwalbach, DePere
- Keith Schwalenberg, Hilbert
- Martin Rudy, Chilton
- David Olsen, Evansville
- Ryszard Borys, Stoughton
- Patricia Bal, Pulaski
- Joel Portmann, Chilton
- Michael Schmitz, Chilton

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

- Peter Taglia, Madison
- Brian Kelly, Madison
- Jeffrey Reinkemeyer, Helenville

- Jennifer Giegerich, Madison WI League of Conservation Voters
- Robert Fassbender, Madison Xcel Energy
- Katie Ross, Madison
- Don Ferber, Madison Four Lakes Group Sierra Club
- Katie Nekola, Madison Clean Wisconsin
- David Boetcher, Waunakee IBEW Inside Construction Unions
- Charlie Higley, Madison Citizens Utility Board
- George Ermert, Madison Invenergy
- Shahla Werner, Sierra Club Madison
- Joel Haubrich, Milwaukee We Energies
- Hugh Schmidt, DeForest
- Phil Montgomery, Ashwaubenon 4th Assembly District

Registrations Against

- Kenneth Critzman
- Kathleen Vinehout, Madison Senator, 31st Senate District
- Donovan Mitchell, Brodhead
- LeMay Nelson, Mondovi
- Patricia Irwin, Tomah
- Jim Bembinster, Evansville
- Cathy Bembinster, Evansville
- Nadine Cox, Wilton
- Marlene Cox, Tomah
- Kenneth McIntyre, Tomah
- Robert Cox, Tomah
- Herb Buhl, New Holstein
- Paul Steffes, Chilton
- Michael Schmitz, Chilton
- Albert Ebert, Chilton
- Mary Toberman, Brodhead
- Carol Selk, Chilton
- Jane Gehl, Sherwood
- Michael Schnieder, Chilton
- Mary Lou Schneider, Chilton
- Inese Stradins Epstein, Norwalk Cwest
- Mark Van Asten, Fond du Lac Cwest
- Rose Moehn, Hilbert Cwest
- George Bal, Pulaski
- Dan Kapanke, LaCrosse Senator, 32nd Senate District
- Brenda Ludwig, Chilton
- Richard Ladwig, Chilton

Registrations for Information Only

 Rassa Ahmadi, Madison — Midwestern Environmental Advocates

March 7, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:	(7)	Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
		Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent:	(0)	None.

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Substitute Amendment** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes:	(7)	Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
		Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes:	(0)	None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Substitute Amendment s0354** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (4) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch and Hansen.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT S0354 NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 4

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Substitute Amendment** be recommended for introduction.

- Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
- Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Substitute Amendment s0348** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (4) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch and Hansen.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT S0348 NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 4

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment** be recommended for introduction.

- Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
- Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate Amendment a1540** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:(7)Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.Noes:(0)None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT A1540 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment** be recommended for introduction.

- Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
- Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate Amendment a1603** be recommended for adoption.

- Ayes:(7)Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.Number(0)Number
- Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT A1603 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment** be recommended for introduction. Ayes:(7)Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.Noes:(0)None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Harsdorf that **Senate Amendment a1601** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:	(2)	Senators Cowles and Harsdorf.
Noes:	(5)	Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen and
	. /	Kedzie.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT A1601 NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 2, Noes 5

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes:	(7)	Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
		Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes:	(0)	None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Plale that **Senate Amendment a1596** be recommended for adoption.

- Ayes:(7)Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
- Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT A1596 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Bill 544** be recommended for passage as amended.

- Ayes: (4) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch and Hansen.
- Noes: (3) Senators Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 3

Amber Hodgson Committee Clerk