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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6527*****AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF CLASS III SOURCES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill temporarily increases, from 4% to 5%, the Class III procurement requirement under the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law. The RPS generally requires the electric distribution companies (EDCs, i.e., Eversource and United Illuminating) and retail electric suppliers to obtain a portion of their power from certain energy resources categorized as Class I, II, and III. By law, Class III sources include electricity from certain combined heat and power systems, certain waste heat recovery systems, and conservation and load management programs, generally excluding those supported by ratepayers (CGS § 16-1(a)(38)).

From January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024, the bill requires the EDCs and suppliers to obtain 5%, rather than 4%, of the power they provide to customers from Class III sources. (Presumably, the Class III requirement reverts to 4% after 2024, but it is unclear.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 8 (03/18/2021)