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Senate Bill No. 856

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. NEEDLEMAN of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT INCREASING REPRESENTATION ON THE ENERGY CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16-245m of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
5 appoint and convene an Energy Conservation Management Board
6 which shall include the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
7 Protection, or the commissioner's designee, the Consumer Counsel, or
8 the Consumer Counsel's designee, the Attorney General, or the
9 Attorney General's designee, and a representative of: (1) An
10 environmental group knowledgeable in energy conservation program
11 collaboratives; (2) the electric distribution companies in whose
12 territories the activities take place for such programs; (3) a state-wide
13 manufacturing association; (4) a chamber of commerce; (5) a state-wide
14 business association; (6) a state-wide retail organization; (7) a state-wide

15 farm association; (8) a municipal electric energy cooperative created
16 pursuant to chapter 101a; [and] (9) residential customers; (10) low-
17 income residential customers; and (11) municipalities. The board shall
18 also include two representatives selected by the gas companies. The
19 members of the board shall serve for a period of five years and may be
20 reappointed. Representatives of gas companies, electric distribution
21 companies and the municipal electric energy cooperative shall be
22 nonvoting members of the board. The members of the board shall elect
23 a chairperson from its voting members. If any vote of the board results
24 in an equal division of its voting members, such vote shall fail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	16-245m(c)

ET *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which adds representatives for low-income individuals and municipalities to the Energy Conservation Management Board.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 856*****AN ACT INCREASING REPRESENTATION ON THE ENERGY CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT BOARD.*****SUMMARY**

This bill adds a representative of low-income residential customers and a representative of municipalities to the Energy Conservation Management Board. By law, the commissioner of energy and environmental protection appoints members to the board, which, among other things, helps develop and approve the state's conservation and load management plan before submitting it to the commissioner of energy and environmental protection for approval (CGS § 16-245m(d)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/02/2021)