

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6525

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ELECTRIC

Title: DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

Vote Date: 3/11/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/4/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

[Rep. Brian Lanoue, 45th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Patrick S. Boyd, 50th Dist.](#)

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to study ways to make the electric distribution companies more accountable to Connecticut ratepayers.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities supports HB 6525 but would request the Energy & Technology Committee assign municipal representatives to the task force and, encourage DEEP to seek municipal input during the process.

Connecticut State Representative Brian Lanoue supports HB 6525 largely because of the irresponsible actions of Eversource in raising rates during a pandemic where people are under significant financial hardship stemming from restrictions/quarantines and proposes that specific language be inserted in this bill to charge the taskforce to examine the feasibility of municipal electric companies expanding their service areas and the costs associated with acquiring the infrastructure including, but not limited to, utility poles and wires

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

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