

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6527

Title: AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF CLASS III SOURCES.

Vote Date: 3/18/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/4/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology Committee
Rep. Bill Buckbee
Rep. Patrick Callahan

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill mandates that the total output of Class III sources be increased five per cent between January 1, 2022 and January 1 2025. This is run through the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

- **Katie Dykes, DEEP** writes in support of this bill. They say this bill helps rectify market imbalances and allow them to explore alternative approaches to supporting combined heat and power options in the upcoming Comprehensive Energy Strategy proceedings. Suggests that the bill language be clarified to require 5 percent through December 31, 2024.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

- **Thomas Jacobsen: Blue Delta Energy** writes in support of this legislation. They say that this will help provide critical grid resiliency, represent an investment in state economy, and facilitate the integration of existing renewable projects and promote emerging technologies.
- **James S. Schneider: Kimberly Clark** writes in support of this bill. They say this will enhance reliability in the event of extreme weather and safeguard electricity

customers. Also says it will help the economy and public health of Connecticut. Offer and amendment they say will better help Connecticut manufacturing.

- **University of Connecticut:** Writes in support of the bill. Also writes in support of Kimberly Clarks amendment to the bill. They say it helps solve supply-demand imbalance and helps with state Combined Heat and Power's resilience and economic development.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

- **Al Carbone: Avangrid/UII** writes testimony for this bill. Warns that these will have clean energy positive effects in the state, but committee needs to find balance between this and cost to the rate payers.
- **Samantha Dynowski: Sierra Club** writes in opposition to this bill saying it contradicts goal of 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2040.
- **Lois Happe:** Writes in opposition to the bill saying Class 1 sources are only acceptable choice.
- **Barbara Liston:** Writes in opposition to this bill because they say it moves Connecticut away from 100% zero-carbon electricity.
- **CT League of Conservation Voters:** Writes in opposition to this bill. They say it moves us away from our clean energy goals and that is something we should avoid.
- **Tom Swan: Connecticut Citizen Action Group writes** in opposition saying it moves us away from our greenhouse gas goals.

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