

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-856

AN ACT INCREASING REPRESENTATION ON THE ENERGY

Title: CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT BOARD.

Vote Date: 3/2/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would add two representatives to the Energy Conservation Management Board to represent low-income residential customers and municipalities.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

- DEEP supports this bill because the composition of the Energy Efficiency Board would increase the membership by two, with one seat dedicated to a representative of customers with low income and the other dedicated to a representative of municipalities.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

- **The Milford Energy Advisory Board** supports the addition of representatives on the Energy Conservation Management Board representing low-income residential customers and municipalities
- **The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities** supports the bill because it expands representation on the Energy Conservation Management Board to include municipalities to participate in discussions with stakeholders on how the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Funds are expended as well as assisting in the development of policies and legislation to advance the energy efficiency agenda in the state.

- **The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut** fully supports this bill because in adding more members to the Energy Efficiency Board there would be more equity in the program offered. This was also a recommendation in the current Governors Council on Climate Change, which the Nature Conservancy also supports.
- **Patrick McConnell, the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for UIL holdings** supports this bill (**in conjunction with SB 863**) as a cost-effective tool to assist Connecticut in the achievement of the state's clean energy goals
- **Amy McLean-Connecticut Director and Senior Policy Advocate for the Acadia Center** supports SB 856 because it will create more equitable representation for low-income residents and municipalities on the Energy Efficiency Board
- **Eversource** supports SB 856 because it will benefit the Board's deliberations and decision-making process by articulating the views and concerns of low-income customers and municipalities
- **Brenda Watson-Executive Director of Operation Fuel and current member of the Energy Efficiency Board** supports SB 856

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Assistant Clerk Jason Snukis

Date: March 16, 2021