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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5200

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HYDROGEN POWER."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study hydrogen-fueled energy in the state's economy and energy
5 infrastructure. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)
6 A review of regulations and legislation needed to guide the
7 development and achievement of economies of scale for the hydrogen
8 ecosystem in the state, (2) an examination of how to position the state to
9 take advantage of competitive incentives and programs created by the
10 federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, (3) recommendations for
11 workforce initiatives to prepare the state's workforce for hydrogen-
12 fueled energy-related jobs, (4) an examination of the sources of potential
13 clean hydrogen, including, but not limited to, wind, solar, biogas and

14 nuclear, (5) recommendations for funding and tax preferences for
15 building hydrogen-fueled energy facilities at brownfield sites through
16 the Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program, (6)
17 recommendations regarding funding sources for developing hydrogen-
18 fueled energy programs and infrastructure, and (7) recommendations
19 for potential end uses of hydrogen-fueled energy.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, who shall be the
22 chairperson of the task force;

23 (2) Two representatives from the electricity division of an electric
24 distribution company that has a service area of eighteen or more cities
25 and towns, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House
26 of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
27 leader of the House of Representatives;

28 (3) Two representatives from the electricity division of an electric
29 distribution company that has a service area of not more than seventeen
30 cities and towns, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro
31 tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the
32 minority leader of the Senate;

33 (4) A representative from the gas division of an electric distribution
34 company that has a service area of eighteen or more cities and towns,
35 who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
36 Representatives;

37 (5) A representative from the gas division of an electric distribution
38 company that has a service area of not more than seventeen cities and
39 towns, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

40 (6) A representative from an eligible nuclear power generating
41 facility, as defined in section 16a-3m of the general statutes, who shall
42 be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

43 (7) A representative of the building trades, who shall be appointed by

44 the majority leader of the Senate;

45 (8) Three representatives of Connecticut manufacturers of hydrogen-
46 fueled energy technology, one of whom shall be appointed by the
47 speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
48 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom
49 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
50 Representatives;

51 (9) Three representatives of environmental organizations that
52 advocate for renewable energy, one of whom shall be appointed by the
53 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by
54 the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one of whom
55 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

56 (10) Two members of the Connecticut Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Coalition,
57 one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
58 Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
59 leader of the Senate;

60 (11) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
61 the chairperson's designee;

62 (12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
63 the commissioner's designee;

64 (13) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the president's
65 designee; and

66 (14) The director of energy initiative at the Connecticut Center of
67 Advanced Technology.

68 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
69 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
70 be filled by the appointing authority, as applicable.

71 (d) The chairperson of the task force shall schedule the first meeting
72 of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the

73 effective date of this section.

74 (e) Not later than January 15, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
75 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
76 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,
77 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
78 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
79 January 15, 2023, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section