

# Energy and Technology Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1063 (LCO 6048)

AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC

**Title:** UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

**Vote Date:** 3/14/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/21/2023

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would implement language that would substitute Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-2 (subsections (a) to (c) included) to reform the state's utility regulatory framework. The number of Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) commissioners would be limited to three. The bill would establish that such PURA commissioners have a term limit of two four-year terms.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

N/A

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Peter Gaski, Owner - Blackhawk Oil — Supports the bill as an effort to reform PURA as oil and petroleum prices face a particularly volatile energy market affecting businesses in the state.

Elizabeth Quattrochi — Supports the bill as an effort to add nuclear energy and hydropower to the state's energy supply and supports further reforms to help the state reach its carbon emissions reduction goals.

Jane Bate — Supports the bill as an effort to reduce utility rates.

MaryAnn Ciambriello — Supports

Anonymous — Supports

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous — Opposes the bill and recommends control of utility prices given the rising costs for heat and electricity.

Gary Corigliano, Officer — Opposes

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