



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

(ET)

AN ACT CREATING A CONNECTICUT NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Connecticut Nuclear Advisory Council, which shall: (1) Meet not less
3 than four times each year for the purpose of planning for the
4 advancement of nuclear energy in the state; (2) collaborate with state
5 and federal agencies, institutions of higher education, businesses,
6 nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders to organize the state's
7 resources related to nuclear energy; (3) advise the General Assembly,
8 the Governor and communities in the state on nuclear energy issues; (4)
9 provide public information about nuclear energy and related
10 educational and job opportunities; and (5) support regional
11 partnerships that promote nuclear energy research and expansion. The
12 council shall be an independent body within the Legislative Department
13 for administrative purposes only.

14 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing

16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
17 relating to energy and technology, or their designees;

18 (2) A representative of a nuclear power generating facility in the state,
19 who shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (3) A representative of the United States Naval Submarine Base-New
21 London, who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
22 Senate;

23 (4) A representative of a manufacturer of nuclear-powered
24 submarines, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House
25 of Representatives;

26 (5) A representative of an engineering firm in the state that provides
27 services in the field of nuclear engineering, who shall be appointed by
28 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

29 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has
30 expertise in spent nuclear fuel storage; and

31 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
32 expertise in the supply chain of the state's nuclear industry.

33 (c) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (d) The members of the council shall select the chairperson of the
37 council from among the members of the council. Until such selection,
38 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
39 tempore of the Senate shall select an acting chairperson of the council
40 from among the members of the council. Such acting chairperson shall
41 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later
42 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a permanent council to promote the expansion of nuclear energy and organize state resources related to nuclear energy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]