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SB-78

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
CT Siting Council	SCF ¹ - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: SCF=Siting Council Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Connecticut Siting Council, as it requires (on or after October 1, 2025), any Connecticut Siting Council proceeding to include a local electorate from the municipality where a subject facility is being proposed.

In FY 24, the Connecticut Siting Council held 23 regular meetings and 22 public hearings. It is estimated that at each regularly held meeting there could be an additional five to ten local representatives in attendance, resulting in an additional cost of approximately \$1,000-\$2,000 per meeting² (\$23,000 - \$46,000 annually). Additional costs may occur if local representatives also attend the public hearings. The total cost to the fund would be dependent upon the total number of regular

¹ Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) §16-50r and §16-50v, the Council's budget is financed by fees and assessments paid to the Siting Council Fund.

² Public members of the council are compensated for their attendance at public hearings, executive sessions, or other council business at a rate of \$200 per activity, capped at \$200 a day.

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meetings and public hearings held, and the total number of local representatives in attendance.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of meetings and hearings held and the number of compensated representatives in attendance.