

Energy and Technology Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6927

Title: AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF ENERGY SOURCES.

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Energy and Technology Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will require the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within DEEP may increase effectiveness of energy sources utilized by the state. This bill is important because it is essential for the ability of policy makers to make informed decisions in policy that will affect the entirety of Connecticut. DEEP's reports help to drive innovations in clean energy, and assist legislators when aiming to develop a sustainable and secure energy future for Connecticut.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Provided.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Leticia Colon de Majias, Retired Energy Efficiency in CLM Residential Program:](#) Ms. Colon de Majias supports **HB-06927** because it aids those who need help saving on their bills. This will help lower energy waste and make energy more affordable for the residents of Connecticut. It will help stabilize energy costs and help create plans for communities so that everyone can have access to the energy they need daily and remain safe during power outages.

[David Englert:](#) Mr. Englert supports **HB-06927** because it will Connecticut an overall place to bring energy prices to meet the increasing demand while also minimizing the costs for energy consumers. It will address the climate crisis and help reduce greenhouse has emissions.

Jodie Maro, Coordinator of Bristol Residents for Clean Air: Ms. Maro supports **HB-06927** because it will address the critical flaws that lay in the way that greenhouse gas emissions from electric sources are calculated in Connecticut. It will address the problem that ratepayers subsidize that are supposed to be used for clean energy are rather supporting the direct sources of power that undermines Connecticut's climate goals. These subsidies are being used for municipal waste incineration.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Michael Iverson Jr., Bpi. Certified Tech: Mr. Iverson doesn't support **HB-06927** because he works for CLM and if the organization gets shut down, energy costs will rise for residents. The plans that ensure that economies and communities can access energy they need and remain safe during power outages, will no longer exist. The work that CLM does helps residents around the state.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Angel Baez, Energy Efficiency Solutions: Mr. Baez's general comments on **HB-06927** were that Connecticut needs to foster long-term energy efficiency while helping and comforting families in need. Energy efficiency can have a critical impact on communities.

Alvin Colon, Energy Efficiency Solutions (EES): Mr. Colon's general comments on **HB-06927** were that EES travels to help Connecticut ratepayers to save on heating, light, bills, hot water, and during the summer heat, provide air conditioning. EES conduct air seals, check heating for potential heating dangers. EES helps Connecticut residents get the help they need.

Najee Duncan, CLM: Ms. Duncan's general comments on **HB-06927** on this bill were that CLM helps customers lower their light bills, and heating and hot water usage. These programs help people get insulation for their homes for little to no expense resulting in lower energy bills.

Daniel Healy: Mr. Healy's general comments on **HB-06927** were that occupants gas charges are excessive and unreasonable.

Marcus Maldorvado, Connecticut CLM: Mr. Maldorvado general comments on **HB-06927** were that he supports thermal boundary programs, and they need to be voted with support to help CT CLM residential programs that help reduce energy consumption and costs. This will also empower communities to work. CLM supports Connecticut residents to help them save on energy costs and ensure their safety as well.

Edgardo Mejias, BSEE, MSCS, BPI Analyst, BPI Multifamily, BPI Healthy Home Evaluator & BPI Quality Control Inspector Energy Efficiencies Solutions, CL&M Vendor Efficiency for All: Mr. Majias's general comments on **HB-06927** were that the CLM funds need to be protected. Connecticut ratepayers benefit from the program and help them save on energy. Defunding CLM would cause massive layoffs, jobs that support many people. CL&M should focus on thermal boundary upgrades. Transparency is important in the political process, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is not as transparent, leading to a lack of inclusion. The CL&M program needs to focus on the negative

financial impacts of heat pump electrification to ratepayers and their families. The current energy plan does not factor in low-income communities in the state and should shift toward equity. This includes a reduction in power plant emissions and pollution. CL&M funding should be used for demand reduction of all fuels, including electricity. The CL&M program did not support low-income communities with clean energy access and did not result in solar for all in Connecticut. Edgardo Mejias urges legislators to focus on proper funding that is focused on thermal upgrades to the housing stock across Connecticut, which requires ensuring proper levels of funding for retrofits.

The following individuals also provided general comments for HB-06927:

Lloyd Munroe, Nya Parkers, John Perrier, Luis Rabelo, Isaiah Rosario, Marius Vásquez.

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