



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5944

LCO No. 3017



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS AND LOCAL
ZONING AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN DECISIONS OF
THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Connecticut
- 2 Siting Council to consider the plan of conservation and development
- 3 adopted by a municipality in which a commercial grid-scale solar
- 4 photovoltaic system is proposed for development prior to approving
- 5 any such development, (2) limit the land area in any municipality that
- 6 may be used for commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system
- 7 development to one-half of one per cent, (3) allow a local zoning
- 8 authority to adopt minimum setback requirements for any commercial
- 9 grid-scale solar photovoltaic system, (4) expand the jurisdiction of the
- 10 Connecticut Siting Council to any commercial grid-scale solar
- 11 photovoltaic system regardless of such system's generation capacity,
- 12 and (5) require said council to work in collaboration with local zoning
- 13 authorities prior to approving the development of any commercial grid-
- 14 scale solar photovoltaic system in a municipality.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Connecticut Siting Council to consider the plan of conservation and development adopted by a municipality in which a commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system is proposed for development prior to approving any such development, (2) limit the land area in any municipality that may be used for commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system development to one-half of one per cent, (3) allow a local zoning authority to adopt minimum setback requirements for any commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system, (4) expand the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council to any commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system regardless of such system's generation capacity, and (5) require said council to work in collaboration with local zoning authorities prior to approving the development of any commercial grid-scale solar photovoltaic system in a municipality.