

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6298



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by: REP. FOSTER, 57th Dist. SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist. REP. HALL C., 59th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL AND DECISIONS OF MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CONCERNING CERTAIN SOLAR PROJECTS.

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

1 That section 16-50p of the general statutes be amended to require the 2 Connecticut Siting Council to (1) consider the testimony of any witness 3 and of the chief executive officer of the municipality in which a 4 proposed facility is to be developed, (2) be bound by the approval, disapproval or imposition of conditions by the chief executive officer of 5 6 the municipality in which a solar photovoltaic system with a generating 7 capacity greater than one megawatt is proposed if such proposed 8 system is located within a five-mile radius of any solar photovoltaic 9 system with a generating capacity greater than one hundred megawatts, 10 and (3) maintain distribution capacity for local projects that benefit 11 schools, municipal, agricultural or local industry.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Siting Council to (1) consider the testimony of any witness and of the chief executive officer of the municipality in which a proposed facility is to be developed, (2) be bound by the approval, disapproval or imposition of conditions by the chief executive officer of the municipality in which a solar photovoltaic system with a generating capacity greater than one megawatt is proposed if such proposed system is located within a five-mile radius of any solar photovoltaic system with a generating capacity greater than one hundred megawatts, and (3) maintain distribution capacity for local projects that benefit schools, municipal, agricultural or local industry.