
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1495

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S REVIEW OF SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to notify the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary if certain surplus state property can be used for siting a renewable energy facility. Existing law requires the DEEP commissioner to notify the OPM secretary if the surplus state property can be used for open space purposes or to otherwise support the department's mission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Agency Reviews of Surplus State Property

By law, the OPM secretary must notify all state agencies when an agency informs him it no longer needs a property it controls. The law requires specified commissioners to determine and notify the secretary if the property can be used for certain purposes related to their agency's mission (e.g., commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Energy and Environmental Protection, Transportation, and Housing). Commissioners who determine they can use the property must submit a plan describing the proposed use for the secretary's review.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/24/2025)