



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 317

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection shall convene a working group within the
3 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to examine the
4 need for and viability and impact of suspending, for a period not to
5 exceed five consecutive fiscal years, the fee described in section 22a-232
6 of the general statutes for one or more resource recovery facilities in the
7 state. Such examination may consider other means to meet any such
8 identified need, including, but not limited to, the availability of state
9 grant, tax abatement or financing programs. Such working group shall,
10 at a minimum, consist of one member from each of the member towns
11 of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee, the
12 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the
13 commissioner's designee, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
14 Management, or the secretary's designee, the Commissioner of

15 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's
 16 designee, and any other member deemed necessary by the
 17 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Not later than
 18 January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
 19 Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
 20 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
 21 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 22 environment on the nature and result of such examination, the
 23 identified need for such a suspension for any such resource recovery
 24 facility in the state, the availability of other state resources or programs
 25 to meet any such identified need and any legislative recommendations
 26 directly related to such examination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to convene a working group to study the need for and viability of suspending one or more resource recovery facilities in the state, will not result in a fiscal impact as the working group has the resources and expertise necessary to complete the study.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/13/2026)