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AN ACT CONCERNING BATTERY-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES, REGIONAL SCHOOLS AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5474)

Senate Calendar No.: 270

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Green Bank	Clean Energy Fund - Cost	None	Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to programs related to battery powered lawn equipment.

Section 1 of the bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), by October 1, 2027, to reactivate the 2010 Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund. This does not result in a cost to DEEP as there is a zero balance within this account.

Section 2 requires the Connecticut Green Bank, by January 31, 2028, to create a loan program or loan products to assist Connecticut registered commercial landscapers with the purchase or lease of battery-operated lawn equipment. This is anticipated to result in a cost to the Connecticut Green Bank, which is a quasi-public green bank. The level of funding associated with the new loan program or products is indeterminate and not specified in the bill.

Senate "A" makes clarifying changes to the loan program and does

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not change the fiscal impact of the underlying bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number and scope of projects.

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