

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5336 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/5/2026

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REASONS FOR BILL:

To study the labor that is needed and skills that are required in order to develop and deploy new nuclear energy in the state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection \(DEEP\):](#)

DEEP supports nuclear workforce development. They state that it is an important component of creating a strong technical and manufacturing base to support the development of advanced nuclear energy and ensures local talent can access high-quality jobs while supporting the state's clean energy transition. They continue, emphasizing the importance of the roles of local engineers, technicians, and skilled tradespeople in developing the next generation of energy sources in a safe and efficient manner.

They go on to list the following key statutory provisions that support nuclear exploration and development in the state: Public Act 22-76, Public Act 23-102, Public Act 25-173, Section 3 of

Public Act 25-173, Section 6 of Public Act 25-125, and informational process to explore new nuclear capacity launched by DEEP in October 2025. They express that developing a coordinated workforce development strategy will allow this policy framework to be properly executed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Susan Adams, State Policy Director, Dominion Energy:

This organization **supports** HB-05336. They look forward to collaborating with DEEP and policymakers to seek solutions to continue the operation of their existing units and maximize the potential of new nuclear power to meet increased energy demand and the state's decarbonization goals.

Cary Lynch, Energy Policy Manager, The Nature Conservancy:

The Nature Conservancy **supports** HB-05336. They provide examples of their long-term support of nuclear energy initiatives, referencing comments they provided to the CT DEEP Stakeholder Process in December 2025 to Explore New Nuclear Capacity in the state and comments submitted in January 2026 expressing support for pursuing advanced nuclear in the 2026 Carbon Energy Procurement Process. They place an emphasis on minimizing environmental impact.

They have also provided support for financial incentives to allow the utilization of nuclear energy technologies, federal investments in research, development and commercialization of safe advanced nuclear technologies, address waste and safety issues, and have the potential to be priced competitively in energy markets.

They support the intent of the bill that requires the Connecticut Council for Advancing Nuclear Energy Development to conduct a study and make recommendations about skilled labor needs in the advanced nuclear energy industry. They state that Connecticut should take advantage of the Advanced Nuclear Workforce Development Initiative to bring highly specialized, high paying jobs to the state. They claim that this will create well-paying union jobs, bring investment, support the local tax base, and stimulate local economies.

Six testimonies were expressed in support for the bill. These individuals include:

[Sarah Dzialo](#), [JM JM](#), [Wyatt Taylor](#), [Adam Grady](#), [Robert Keen](#), [Christopher Vereneau](#)

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Six testimonies were expressed, four anonymously, opposing the bill. These individuals include:

[Anonymous 28](#), [Anonymous 30](#), , [Anonymous 27](#), [Anonymous 29](#), [Jordan Blaze](#), [Cali Sunshine](#)

[Liam Williams](#) submitted opposing testimony with reasons unrelated to the content of the bill.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Two individuals submitted general comments unrelated to the content of the bill. These individuals include:

[Michael O'Connor](#), [Jonathan Doughman](#)

Date: March 23rd, 2026

Reported by: Tatyana Massa, Assistant Clerk