

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

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AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE

Title: MARKET.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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[Rep. Bill Buckbee, 67th Dist.](#)

REASONS FOR BILL:

The Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) market plays an important role in helping electric companies meet renewable energy requirements and manage energy costs, but recent changes in federal energy policy and market conditions have created uncertainty. This bill allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to conduct a comprehensive study of the REC market, along with examining trends in availability, pricing, and compliance challenges, to provide a clearer understanding of how the market is evolving. By doing so, the bill aims to address concerns about energy reliability tied to natural gas dependence and ensure that ratepayers are protected while electric companies work to meet Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The Substitute Language of this bill changes the effective date to July 1st, 2026, and the report date to January 1st, 2027.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

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

Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, testified in support of Senate Bill 244. She explained that the bill would let DEEP put together

a study on the Renewable Energy Certificate market and welcomed the chance to take a closer look at how things have been changing recently. Overall, this could help provide a clearer & more detailed picture, even if it takes a little time to fully sort through all the data and trends.

Office of Consumer Counsel, Consumer Counsel, Claire E. Coleman

Claire E. Coleman, Consumer Counsel, supports Senate Bill 244, stressing the importance of studying the Renewable Energy Certificate market as federal energy policies continue to shift. She noted that recent winter reliability issues show the need for stronger renewable energy to reduce reliance on natural gas and price volatility but said it's also important to make sure ratepayers are protected.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

State of Connecticut, House Republican Office

The House Republican Caucus testified in support of Senate Bill 244, agreeing that it's an important time to study the REC market, especially as electric companies are struggling to meet Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements due to limited REC availability. They explained that when RECs aren't available, companies must make alternative payments.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

One testimony was expressed anonymously, opposing the bill.

[\(Anonymous opposed \[#7\]\)](#)

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