

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-426 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT OF ENERGY
Title: REGULATION IN THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/10/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen Sampson

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill directs DAS to issue a request for proposals (RFP) within 75 days to hire a national consultant with qualitative research expertise to conduct an impartial study, establishing evaluation criteria based on cost, timeline, and relevant experience, and selecting a contractor by February 1, 2027. The chosen consultant will assess the structures of DEEP and PURA, including whether the 2011 legislative changes that created DEEP achieved the General Assembly's intended goals, such as advancing state energy objectives, and will compare Connecticut's energy policymaking and utility regulation framework with those of other states to recommend improvements based on best practices. DAS must submit the study's findings to the Energy & Technology and Government Oversight Committees by January 1, 2028.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

Adds reference to studying states with deregulated utilities.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Michelle Gilman, Department of Administrative Services, Commissioner:](#)

Commissioner Gilman opposes this bill because she believes oversight should reside with an agency with relevant or jurisdictional authority related to energy policy, energy regulation, or the structure and historical evolution of DEEP and PURA. She also explains that DAS currently has no funding allocated for the cost of procuring a national consultant which would be necessary if this bill passes and is not included in the Governor's budget.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff
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Date: 3/19/26