



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 207**

*January Session, 2007*

Substitute House Bill No. 7311

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2007*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. FONTANA, S. of the 87th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING GEOTHERMAL HEAT SYSTEMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Renewable Energy Investments  
2 Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the  
3 general statutes, shall, in consultation with the Department of Public  
4 Utility Control and the Energy Conservation Management Board,  
5 established pursuant to section 16-245m of the general statutes, study  
6 (1) the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of geothermal and other  
7 advanced heat pump systems, (2) appropriate geothermal applications  
8 for industrial, commercial and municipal purposes, and (3) any  
9 barriers, financial or otherwise, to greater applications and ways to  
10 promote more applications. The board shall report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy on or before  
13 February 1, 2008.

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

**ET**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 08 \$</b>	<b>FY 09 \$</b>
CT Innovations Inc. (quasi-public)	SF - Cost	See Below	None
Public Utility Control, Dept.	CC&PUCF - None	None	None
Energy Conservation Management Board	SF - None	None	None

Note: SF=Special Fund (Non-appropriated); CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

It is anticipated that the Connecticut Innovations Inc. will incur costs of approximately \$25,000 to undertake the study required in the bill. These costs are anticipated to come from the resources of the Renewable Energy Investment Fund. The approximate monthly rate payer contributions to the fund are \$1.9 million and the unrestricted net asset balance as of Feb 28, 2007 is \$81.7 million.

The Department of Public Utility Control and the Energy Conservation Management Board anticipate no additional fiscal impact due to consultations on the study.

#### **The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/13/2007)