



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1207

Senate, March 26, 2007

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HYDROPOWER.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Connecticut Innovations,
2 Incorporated, in consultation with the Department of Public Utility
3 Control, the Department of Environmental Protection and the
4 Connecticut Siting Council, shall conduct a study to identify locations
5 for hydropower in Connecticut and to identify financial and land-use
6 obstacles to developing hydropower. Said study shall also examine the
7 effect that modifying the definition of class I renewable energy source
8 in section 16-1 of the general statutes to include low-impact
9 hydropower may have on the value of class I renewable energy credits.
10 On or before February 1, 2008, the Connecticut Siting Council shall
11 submit a report on its findings and recommendations, in accordance
12 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Siting Council, CT	SCF - Cost	\$10,000- \$15,000	None
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	None
CT Innovations Inc. (quasi-public)	Various - None	See Below	None

Note: SCF=Siting Council Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would result in a one-time cost of approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for outside consultants to perform the study. This bill requires CSC and the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to collaborate with Connecticut Innovations, Inc. and the Department of Environmental Protection to identify locations and potential obstacles to develop hydropower in the state. The study also requires an examination of how a modified definition of class I renewable energy sources would affect the value of class I renewable energy credits.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will require additional resources of \$50,000 to hire a consultant, or will need to divert agency resources of half of a full-time employee for six months away from current duties to provide the information that they will need to provide for the study.

Connecticut Innovations, Inc. can conduct the study on hydropower within their existing resources.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would just be in FY 08, as the cost is one-time in nature.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

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