

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 5787: AAC CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC, ENERGY AND
CLIMATE SECURITY

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TESTIMONY OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department or DPUC), supports many of the goals in Raised Bill No. 5787. While the proposed bill does not directly affect the Department, the DPUC recognizes the fact that actions should be taken to address a variety of ongoing and emerging issues facing energy planning and energy policy in the state. This proposal seeks to improve this situation by creating a new Department of Clean Energy in state government to assemble the necessary resources and management team to perform these functions and to focus on the development of clean renewable energy sources and future energy and climate related concerns. The DPUC believes that this proposal can serve as an important catalyst in fostering a serious dialogue on how best the state can address these critical concerns.