



**CONNECTICUT
CLEAN ENERGY FUND**

**Statement of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Regarding Raised Senate
Bill 1105 An Act Concerning Technology**

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund opposes Raised Bill 1105. This bill seeks to have the DPUC duplicate work that is already underway and already under the purview of the DPUC.

Connecticut has a growing renewable energy industry that is the envy of the rest of the country as well as many international organizations. Our Project 150 initiative as well as our Solar Rebate and Solar Lease programs have been highly subscribed and recognized nationally. Our Operational Demonstration program, which enables companies to demonstrate their new renewable energy technologies in a commercial setting, has been very attractive to companies inside and outside of Connecticut. International delegations from Sweden, Argentina and Korea have expressed strong interest in replicating our initiatives to encourage renewable energy development.

Our nationally recognized, award winning education and outreach program has garnered unprecedented interest and commitment to clean energy from a majority of the 169 towns in Connecticut. This commitment will no doubt motivate demand leading to greater development of the renewable supply.

The CCEF/CEEF has sponsored Navigant Consulting to develop a very detailed study of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency industries in Connecticut that will be available in the near future. The report not only identifies the companies, jobs and revenues associated with these activities but will also identify the best areas for the state to apply its funds in the future for the maximum benefit to the state in terms of renewable energy, jobs and environmental impact.

Additionally, at the request of the legislature CCEF has sponsored the development of a Long-Term Solar Strategy study that will provide guidance as to where the greatest benefits may be realized from a comprehensive solar plan.

For these reasons the CCEF believes a new initiative by the DPUC to develop Connecticut's renewable potentials will be redundant and even counter-productive.