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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1134

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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 CREATING THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE STRATEGY BOARD.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
2 Energy Independence Strategy Board. Said board shall consist of the
3 following members: (1) The president of the Renewable Energy
4 Investment Fund, or the president's designee; (2) the executive director
5 of the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology; (3) the executive
6 director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy; (4) a representative of
7 the Connecticut energy service industry appointed by the president
8 pro tempore of the Senate; (5) a representative of an electric
9 distribution company appointed by the speaker of the House of
10 Representatives; (6) a representative of an electric distribution
11 company appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (7) a
12 representative of the state's gas companies appointed by the majority
13 leader of the House of Representatives; (8) a representative of the
14 state's oil companies appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

15 (9) a representative of a municipal electric energy cooperative
 16 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (10)
 17 the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;
 18 and (11) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
 19 secretary's designee. The Connecticut Center for Advanced
 20 Technology shall provide administrative support for said board.

21 (b) The board established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
 22 shall analyze energy efficiency opportunities provided pursuant to the
 23 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including
 24 categorical funds and competitive discretionary grant money, and
 25 recommend how to expend money in a strategic way to enhance
 26 Connecticut's energy independence and economic development
 27 opportunities.

28 (c) On or before sixty days after the effective date of this section, the
 29 Energy Independence Strategy Board shall report, in accordance with
 30 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
 31 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 32 matters relating to energy, commerce and human services with any
 33 recommendations pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The names of entities in section 1(a) were revised for accuracy.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

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 House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with this bill.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1134*****AN ACT CREATING THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE STRATEGY BOARD.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates the Energy Independence Strategy Board and specifies its members. The bill requires the board to analyze energy efficiency opportunities provided under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including categorical funds and competitive discretionary grant money. The board must recommend how to spend money in a strategic way to enhance Connecticut's energy independence and economic development opportunities.

Within 60 days after the bill's passage, the board must report to the Energy and Technology, Commerce, and Human Services committees with any recommendations.

The bill requires The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies (CCAT) to provide administrative support for the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Under the bill, the board consists of:

1. the Clean Energy Fund's president or her designee;
2. CCAT's executive director;
3. the executive director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy;
4. a representative of the Connecticut energy service industry appointed by the Senate president pro tempore;

5. two representatives of electric companies, one appointed by the House speaker and one by the Senate majority leader;
6. a representative of the state's gas companies appointed by the House majority leader;
7. a representative of the state's oil companies appointed by the Senate minority leader;
8. a representative of a municipal energy cooperative appointed by the House minority leader;
9. the commissioner of social services, or her designee; and
10. the secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/19/2009)