



**CONNECTICUT
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**STATEMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN ENERGY FUND REGARDING
H.B. 6000 AN ACT CREATING GREEN JOBS**

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) fully supports **H.B. 6000 An Act Creating Green Jobs**. Since inception of the CCEF, Connecticut has become a leader in creation of green jobs. We believe that the legislature should take any and all necessary actions to promote and support continued growth of green industries and technologies in order to support job creation.

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund is currently completing a Renewable Energy (RE)/Energy Efficiency (EE) Economy Baseline Study. The purpose of this study is to identify effective ways to support and accelerate growth of this industry in Connecticut. The study was commissioned by CCEF in partnership with the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF).

Phase I of this study, to be delivered in the beginning of March, identifies the number of RE/EE companies in Connecticut, the number and types of RE/EE jobs and revenue generated by this sector¹. Findings for Phase I are drawn from data provided by local utilities and industry associations, the Connecticut Department of Labor, and interviews with executives from more than 80 Connecticut RE/EE companies.

The full three-phase study will highlight Connecticut's best opportunities in this sector, barriers and challenges to industry growth (including workforce, technical, business, financial and regulatory barriers), program and resource gaps, and a recommended roadmap for focusing investments.

Of particular interest to the H.B. 6000, the study will provide a scenario assessment of how the RE/EE industry is anticipated to grow (or decline) in Connecticut, projected job growth based on dollars invested, workforce skills and expertise required, and current and anticipated gaps in workforce capabilities. (CCEF is working with CBIA, the Energy Workforce Development Consortium and other institutions currently performing related

¹ For the purposes of this study, RE/EE companies and jobs are those that help reduce energy demand and foster development of renewable energy technologies, products, installations and services in local and international markets. Renewable energy examples include solar, wind and biomass and the supporting infrastructure. Demand-reduction or energy-efficiency examples include industrial energy services and commissioning, residential energy audits, weatherization and insulation. Jobs related to the transportation sector are not included in this study.

studies, to share and build on existing workforce development knowledge.) In addition, the study will assess Connecticut's overall core competencies in the RE/EE industry and it will provide a high level competitive assessment of Connecticut capabilities and attractiveness relative to other regions nationally and internationally.

Data and findings for Phases II and III will be drawn from interviews and stakeholder workshops with industry, academic and government leaders and business and technology experts in the energy sector. They will also incorporate and build upon relevant state and national studies under way by academic institutions, industry associations and other groups in Connecticut and New England.