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House Bill No. 5210

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 (a) There is established a Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
4 consisting of [~~fifteen~~] sixteen members, including the Commissioner of
5 Environmental Protection, the chairperson of the Public Utilities
6 Control Authority, the Commissioner of Transportation, the Consumer
7 Counsel, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of
8 Economic and Community Development and the Secretary of the
9 Office of Policy and Management, or their respective designees. The
10 Governor shall appoint a representative of an environmental
11 organization knowledgeable in energy efficiency programs, a
12 representative of a consumer advocacy organization and a
13 representative of a state-wide business association. The president pro

14 tempore of the Senate shall appoint a representative of a chamber of
15 commerce, a representative of a state-wide manufacturing association
16 and a member of the public considered to be an expert in electricity,
17 generation, procurement or conservation programs. The speaker of the
18 House of Representatives shall appoint a representative of low-income
19 ratepayers, a representative of state residents, in general, with
20 expertise in energy issues and a member of the public considered to be
21 an expert in electricity, generation, procurement or conservation
22 programs. All appointed members shall serve in accordance with
23 section 4-1a. No appointee may be employed by, or a consultant of, a
24 public service company, as defined in section 16-1, or an electric
25 supplier, as defined in section 16-1, or an affiliate or subsidiary of such
26 company or supplier.

27 (b) The board shall (1) represent the state in regional energy system
28 planning processes conducted by the regional independent system
29 operator, as defined in section 16-1; (2) encourage representatives from
30 the municipalities that are affected by a proposed project of regional
31 significance to participate in regional energy system planning
32 processes conducted by the regional independent system operator; (3)
33 participate in a forecast proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection
34 (a) of section 16-50r; (4) participate in a life-cycle proceeding conducted
35 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-50r; and (5) review the
36 procurement plan submitted by the electric distribution companies
37 pursuant to section 16a-3a.

38 (c) The board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from
39 among its members and shall adopt such rules of procedure as are
40 necessary to carry out its functions.

41 (d) The board shall convene its first meeting not later than
42 September 1, 2003. A quorum of the board shall consist of two-thirds
43 of the members currently serving on the board.

44 (e) The board shall employ such staff as is required for the proper
45 discharge of its duties. The board may also retain any third-party
46 consultants it deems necessary to accomplish the goals set forth in

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which adds the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5210*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds the Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB), thus increasing its membership to 16. The board members currently include the agriculture, transportation, and environmental protection commissioners; chairperson of the Department of Public Utilities Control (DPUC); consumer counsel; and Office of Policy and Management secretary or their designees.

CEAB promotes competing energy solutions and simultaneously reviews multiple energy solutions. By law, it conducts “alternative analysis” of proposed energy facilities requiring Siting Council approval. CEAB also represents the state in regional energy planning, participates in the state’s annual load forecast proceeding, and reviews electric company procurement plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sSB 395 (File 259) requires the DECD commissioner to serve on CEAB by adding service on the board to the commissioner’s statutory duties and responsibilities. But it does not make a corresponding change to the law establishing the board and fixing its membership.

sHB 5505, which the Energy and Technology Committee reported favorably, moves CEAB from the Office of Policy and Management to the Department of Public Utility Control.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/16/2010)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/26/2010)