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Testimony for Raised Bill 5340: An Act Establishing An Energy-Related Jobs Task Force

This testimony is provided on behalf of the 17 institutions that comprise the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System. The Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) is supportive of H.B. 5340 and we look forward to participating in an energy-related task force focused on the examination of energy-related job growth, economic development, workforce development, and information sharing by and among manufacturers and institutions of higher education.

The Board of Regents for Higher Education is heavily invested and interested in supporting the education and training needs of new and expanding industries in Connecticut and already have lead the way with green and energy-related programs, specifically in our community colleges.

Currently, we offer weatherization programs at all 12 community colleges as well as a weatherization crew worker course which is a combination of classroom training and hands-on laboratory/field work training. We also offer certificate programs in sustainable operations, targeting the emerging fields of alternative and renewable energy as well as certificate programs with titles like Wastewater, Hazardous Material Worker, Laser and Fiber Optic Technology and Environment Health and Safety Worker along with many others. Additionally, we offer non-credit certificates that range from topics like LEED Green Construction Management and Going Green at Home.

The Board of Regents for Higher Education wants to remain an active partner in support of green and energy-related jobs in Connecticut and we are happy to be included in this legislation.