



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6020

LCO No. 4462



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ANAEROBIC DIGESTION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 103 of public act 11-80, as amended by section 156
2 of public act 12-2 of the June 12 special session, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The [Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority]
5 Connecticut Green Bank shall on or before March 1, 2012, establish a
6 three-year pilot program to promote the development of new
7 combined heat and power projects in Connecticut that are below five
8 megawatts in capacity size. The program established pursuant to this
9 section shall not exceed fifty megawatts. The [Clean Energy Finance
10 and Investment Authority] Connecticut Green Bank shall examine the
11 appropriate assistance to provide to each approved project. The [Clean
12 Energy Finance and Investment Authority] Connecticut Green Bank
13 shall set one or more standardized grant amounts, loan amounts and
14 power purchase agreements for such projects to limit the
15 administrative burden of project approvals for the [authority] bank
16 and the project proponent, including, but not limited to, a per kilowatt

17 cost of up to four hundred fifty dollars. Such standardized provisions
18 shall seek to minimize costs for the general class of ratepayers,
19 ensuring that the project developer has a significant share of the
20 financial burden and risk, while ensuring the development of projects
21 that benefit Connecticut's economy, ratepayers, and environment. The
22 [Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority] Connecticut Green
23 Bank may in its discretion decline to support a proposed project if the
24 benefits of such project to Connecticut's ratepayers, economy and
25 environment, including emissions reductions, are too meager to justify
26 ratepayer or taxpayer investment.

27 (b) The [Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority]
28 Connecticut Green Bank shall establish a [three-year] five-year pilot
29 program to support through loans, grants or power purchase
30 agreements sustainable practices and economic prosperity of
31 Connecticut farms and other businesses by using organic waste with
32 on-site anaerobic digestion facilities to generate electricity and heat. As
33 part of the pilot program, said [authority] bank may approve no more
34 than five projects, each of which shall have a maximum size of three
35 megawatts at a cost of four hundred fifty dollars per kilowatt.

36 (c) On or before January 1, 2016, the [Clean Energy Finance and
37 Investment Authority] Connecticut Green Bank shall report, in
38 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
39 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
40 cognizance of matters relating to energy regarding the program
41 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and whether such
42 program should continue. On or before January 1, 2018, the
43 Connecticut Green Bank shall report, in accordance with the
44 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to energy regarding the program established pursuant to
47 subsection (b) of this section and whether such program should
48 continue.

49 (d) The [Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority]

50 Connecticut Green Bank shall allocate four million dollars annually
51 from the Clean Energy Fund, provided two million dollars shall be
52 allocated for combined heat and power projects and two million
53 dollars shall be allocated for anaerobic digestion projects.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 11-80, Sec. 103
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ET *Joint Favorable*