



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 753

LCO No. 3269



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE VIABILITY OF EXPANDING THE BOTTLED WATER INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2018, the
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
3 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
4 chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, shall submit a
5 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
6 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
7 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the
8 viability of expanding the bottled water industry in Connecticut and
9 any recommended legislation concerning such future expansion. In
10 undertaking such report, the considerations of the commissioner shall
11 include, but need not be limited to, the future adequacy of the drinking
12 water supply for residents of the state, the effect that present and
13 future drought conditions have or may have on such viability, the
14 future infrastructure needs of such industry, the future job creation
15 capacity of such industry, requirements for the prioritization of water
16 use in times of public health emergencies and moderate or severe

17 drought conditions, the future impact to state and municipal solid
18 waste streams of any such expansion and the requisite rate standards
19 or regulatory requirements for any such future bulk water purchases
20 by such industry.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require a report by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection on the viability of expanding the bottled water industry in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]