
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1002

AN ACT CONCERNING PHOSPHATE BYWASTES FROM ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the factors the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner must consider when selecting proposals from certain Class I renewable energy providers to meet up to 6% of the electric distribution companies' (EDCs) load (i.e., demand).

Under existing law, the commissioner may solicit proposals from Class I providers (e.g., run-of-the-river hydropower, landfill methane gas, biomass, fuel cells, offshore wind, anaerobic digestion) and direct EDCs (i.e., Eversource and United Illuminating) to contract for the purchase of the providers' energy.

The bill specifically requires that for solicitations involving anaerobic digestion, the commissioner must consider if technology used by the digester's owner or operator permits converting bywastes with concentrated phosphate levels into a commercial end product for agricultural use.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/18/2019)