

Public Hearing – February 21, 2019  
Energy and Technology Committee

Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Katie S. Dykes

***H.B. No. 5380 – AN ACT REDEFINING "CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY GENERATED FROM BIODIESEL AND CREATING A HOMEOWNER-GENERATED USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY PROGRAM***

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding H.B. No. 5380 – An Act Redefining “Class I Renewable Energy Source” to Include Certain Useful Thermal Energy Generated from Biodiesel and Creating a Homeowner-Generated Useful Thermal Energy Program.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) welcomes the opportunity to offer the following testimony. DEEP has concerns with this proposal, and therefore cannot support it. The proposal would make useful thermal energy derived from biodiesel eligible as a Class I renewable energy resource under the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and create a homeowner-generated useful thermal energy program.

The 2018 legislative session resulted in the passage of Public Act 18-180, which required DEEP to consider the creation of a portfolio standard for thermal energy in its next Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). The IRP will include an analysis of other regional thermal energy programs, which will inform further dialogue and recommendations on the appropriate adoption of such a program. Prior to the release of the final IRP, DEEP believes H.B. No. 5380 is premature and requires additional public dialogue with stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact Mandi Careathers, DEEP’s Legislative Liaison, at [Mandi.Careathers@ct.gov](mailto:Mandi.Careathers@ct.gov).