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**Raised Bill No. 7156**

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE WIND.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the  
3 procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the  
4 general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney  
5 General, shall solicit proposals, in one solicitation or multiple  
6 solicitations, from providers of energy derived from offshore wind  
7 facilities. The commissioner shall, in any such solicitation, request that  
8 each respondent to a solicitation include the following in such  
9 respondent's proposal: (1) The respondent's plans for the use of skilled  
10 labor, including, but not limited to, for any construction and  
11 manufacturing components of the proposal, including any outreach,  
12 hiring and referral systems, or any combination thereof, that are  
13 affiliated with an apprenticeship training program registered with the  
14 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established pursuant to  
15 section 31-22n of the general statutes, and (2) the respondent's plans  
16 for the use of an agreement designed to (A) ensure the use of skilled  
17 labor, (B) promote the prompt, efficient and safe completion of any

18 project, in particular with regard to the construction, manufacturing  
19 and maintenance of any proposed offshore wind project, and (C)  
20 include a provision that all mechanics, laborers and workmen shall be  
21 paid not less than prevailing wage pursuant to section 31-53 of the  
22 general statutes.

23 (b) If the commissioner finds such proposals to be in the interest of  
24 ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the delivered price of such  
25 sources, and consistent with the requirements to reduce greenhouse  
26 gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a of the general  
27 statutes, and in accordance with the policy goals outlined in the  
28 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d  
29 of the general statutes, the commissioner may select proposals from  
30 such resources that have a total nameplate capacity rating of not more  
31 than two thousand megawatts in the aggregate. The commissioner  
32 may, on behalf of all customers of electric distribution companies,  
33 direct the electric distribution companies to enter into power purchase  
34 agreements for energy, capacity and environmental attributes, or any  
35 combination thereof, for periods of not more than twenty years.

36 (c) Certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation  
37 Information System procured by an electric distribution company  
38 pursuant to this section may be: (1) Sold into the New England Power  
39 Pool Generation Information System renewable energy credit market  
40 to be used by any electric supplier or electric distribution company to  
41 meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes, so  
42 long as the revenues from such sale are credited to electric distribution  
43 company customers as described in this section; or (2) retained by the  
44 electric distribution company to meet the requirements of section 16-  
45 245a of the general statutes. In considering whether to sell or retain  
46 such certificates, the company shall select the option that is in the best  
47 interest of such company's ratepayers.

48 (d) Any such agreement shall be subject to review and approval by  
49 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which review shall  
50 commence upon the filing of the signed power purchase agreement

51 with the authority. The authority shall issue a decision on such  
52 agreement not later than forty-five days after such filing. In the event  
53 the authority does not issue a decision within forty-five days after such  
54 agreement is filed with the authority, the agreement shall be deemed  
55 approved.

56 (e) The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by  
57 the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable  
58 costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with  
59 the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully  
60 reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric  
61 distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products  
62 purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into  
63 pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the  
64 same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the  
65 contracting electric distribution company.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the procurement of energy derived from offshore wind.

*[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.]*