OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5381

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD FOR CLASS II RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.

SUMMARY

Under current law, the state’s renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requires electric distribution companies (EDCs, i.e., Eversource and United Illuminating) and electric suppliers to get 4% of their energy from Class I renewable energy sources (e.g., wind and solar) or Class II renewable energy sources (i.e., trash to energy facilities). Under this bill, beginning January 1, 2020, EDCs and suppliers must meet this 4% requirement with only Class II energy sources.

By law, unchanged by the bill, the 4% requirement is in addition to a Class I requirement. The Class I RPS is 19.5% in 2019 and increases annually through 2030 until it reaches 40%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable
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