OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7293

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) to provide the terms of its preliminary agreement with Sacyr Rooney Recovery Team to redevelop the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (see BACKGROUND) by May 15, 2019, to the Environment Committee, governor, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner, and each municipality served by the project. MIRA must also post the terms on its website.

The bill requires MIRA and the DEEP commissioner to consult with the municipalities served by the project about the preliminary agreement, including service fees and contract terms that may apply to them.

Additionally, the bill states that DEEP’s selection of a final proposal for the project redevelopment is not a legislative mandate for any municipality to enter into a contract with the respondent (i.e., Sacyr Rooney). By law, DEEP’s selection is already not a mandate as it relates to MIRA’s ability to obligate municipalities to remain under contract.

By law, the DEEP commissioner must issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the project development, select a final proposal, and direct MIRA to enter into an agreement with the selected respondent, which she has done. The bill specifies that she must do these things despite any other contrary state law provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND
Project Redevelopment Process

PA 14-94 required DEEP, in consultation with MIRA, to conduct an RFP for the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project redevelopment. In December 2017, DEEP selected Sacyr Rooney as the project developer and directed MIRA to enter into an agreement with Sacyr Rooney. MIRA has not finalized an agreement to date.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 28 Nay 1 (03/25/2019)