

# Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6572

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY USE BUILDING

**Title:** STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION.

**Vote Date:** 3/18/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/9/2021

**File No.:**

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## SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology Committee  
Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky

## REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would allow towns and other municipalities to require new or majorly renovated building energy use standards. This lets municipalities voluntarily adopt the new building energy standards.

## RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

- **Katie Dykes, DEEP** writes in support of the bill. They say it will offer municipalities a tool to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also lowering utility bills for owners and occupants of these buildings. Says this bill will help state reach climate goals.

## NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

- **Samantha Dynowski: Sierra Club** writes in support of this bill. They say the bill will allow municipalities to adopt enhanced energy requirements for new buildings and have higher building standards than the base code.
- **Charles Rothenberger: Save the Sound** writes in support of this bill.
- **Ross Spiegel: Green Building Council** writes in support of this bill. This will create a voluntary building stretch code and give municipalities a tool to help transform their building stock toward meeting climate goals.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

- **Gina Calabro: The American Institute of Architects** write in concern of this bill. They support the concepts provided in this bill but have some concerns about provisions in the bill. Things such as the voluntary municipal adoption and not a state-wide adoption.
- **Jim Perras: Home Builders & Remodelers Association** writes in opposition of this bill. They say that the bill would apply to larger multifamily properties thereby negatively impacting the denser multifamily housing needed to help affordability crisis in Connecticut.

**Reported by: William Ginn**

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