

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6413

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF A MUNICIPAL ENERGY SECURITY

Title: AUTHORITY.

Vote Date: 3/2/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology, Rep. Joseph P. Gresko

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill was raised to allow the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to study whether Connecticut should recognize a Municipal Energy Security Authority. The study would look at the authority's ability to deal with energy security, energy affordability, energy resilience, carbon reductions, critical infrastructure, and local work force developments. The study would bring greater insight to this issue for the General Assembly to look into.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#): Deep has concerns with this bill as written. They believe that the authority would be duplicative of the already existing Microgrid Program. They point out to the already existing programs and the loans and steps taken with the program. They say that they are interested in learning more about the bill proponents' interests regarding microgrids and want to find opportunities to make critical facilities more resilient.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[J. Alan Brewster, Milford Energy Advisory Board \(HB-6413\)](#): They write in support of this bill. They believe that further looking into microgrids are beneficial to the state and the consumers of energy in the state. They

point out that microgrids can keep the power going in an emergency and should be utilized as such. Overall, they support an expanding of community access to microgrids.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Reported by: William Ginn

Date: 3/14/2021