

# Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6571

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM.

**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

## REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill is aimed at creating more financing opportunities for zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure and other resiliency measures. Works through Connecticut Green Bank and other entities to provide financing.

## RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

- **Katie Dykes, DEEP** writes in support of this legislation. They say that it will create another tool for businesses to pay for resiliency measures and combat effects of climate change. They believe this will help state reach its climate and emissions goals while being an important partner to Connecticut business.
- **Richard E. Sobolewski, The Office of Consumer Council** supports this bill in principle with the exception of section 3. They support the idea of the bill but has some suggested edits to section 3. The edits being that the bill include a requirement for the Connecticut Green Bank to conduct a cost-benefit analysis for any and all improvements contemplated for the Green Banks financing of the bill.

## NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

- **Connecticut Green Bank:** They write in support of this bill. They say that these types of programs can create long term benefits that are good for both the business community and Connecticut's green future.
- **Tess Arzu: Greenworks lending** writes in support of this bill. They say that the benefits included in proposal will serve as a needed investment in resiliency.
- **Jim Perras: Home Builders & Remodelers Association** writes in support of this bill. They say the expanded scope of the proposal will allow for necessary building developments.
- **Michele Pitale: Counterpointe SRE** writes in support of the bill. They say it will serve as a low-cost financing option for a more sustainable and resilient planning environment.
- **Charles J. Rothenberger: Save the Sounds** writes in support of this bill noting it as a necessary investment in Connecticut resiliency.

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

None was given

**Reported by: William Ginn**

**Date: April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**