



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 277***

LCO No. 2225



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRASH-TO-ENERGY WORKING GROUP.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
2 group to study and make recommendations for short-term and long-  
3 term solutions to the trash problem in the state resulting from the  
4 closing of one of the state's trash-to-energy facilities.

5 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) A legislator, who shall be the cochairperson of the working group  
7 and shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9 relating to energy;

10 (2) A mayor or first selectman, who shall be the cochairperson of the  
11 working group and shall be appointed by the ranking members of the  
12 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
13 matters relating to energy;

14 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 15 (4) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;
- 18 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives;
- 21 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (9) One appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
24 relating to the environment;
- 25 (10) One appointed by the Governor;
- 26 (11) One appointed by the State Treasurer;
- 27 (12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
28 the commissioner's designee;
- 29 (13) The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or the  
30 commissioner's designee;
- 31 (14) A representative of the farming industry, who shall be appointed  
32 by the chairpersons of the working group;
- 33 (15) A representative of the recycling industry, who shall be  
34 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;
- 35 (16) The president of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, or the  
36 president's designee; and
- 37 (17) The president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities,  
38 or the president's designee.
- 39 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
40 (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) of subsection (b) of this section may be

41 a member of the General Assembly.

42 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
43 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy shall  
47 serve as administrative staff of the working group.

48 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a  
49 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
50 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
52 relating to energy. The working group shall terminate on the date that  
53 it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a working group that will make recommendations on short-term and long-term solutions to the problems created by the closing of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority trash-to-energy plant.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*