
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 102

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON RELEASE-BASED REMEDIATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner, before she posts a notice of intent on the eRegulations System to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations to carry out a release-based remediation program, to (1) provide a draft of the regulations to members of an existing advisory working group and (2) allow the group's members to give advice and feedback on the draft.

Existing law transitions the state from its transfer-based approach to property remediation (i.e., the "Transfer Act") to a release-based approach (CGS § 22a-134pp et seq.). The release-based approach becomes effective when the DEEP commissioner adopts regulations for the program (e.g., establishing release reporting requirements and remediation standards).

By law, a working group within DEEP must provide advice and feedback on the regulations to be adopted. It is co-chaired by the DEEP and economic and community development commissioners, or their designees, and includes (1) the chairpersons and ranking members of the Environment and Commerce committees (2) representatives of specified professions and groups (e.g., environmental transaction attorneys), and (3) any other members of the public the DEEP commissioner designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)