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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 1099

#### ***AN ACT CREATING A CONNECTICUT NUCLEAR ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a 10-member Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and requires it to do the following:

1. meet at least four times per year to plan for advancing nuclear energy in the state;
2. collaborate with stakeholders (e.g., state and federal agencies, higher education institutions, and businesses) to organize the state's resources related to nuclear energy;
3. advise the legislature, the governor, and communities in the state on nuclear energy issues;
4. provide public information about nuclear energy and related educational and job opportunities; and
5. support regional partnerships that promote nuclear energy research and expansion.

The bill establishes the council as an independent body within the Legislative Department for administrative purposes only. Appointing authorities must make appointments to the council within 30 days after the bill passes and fill any vacancies. The bill requires the House speaker and the Senate president pro tempore to select a council member to be acting chairperson until the council members select a chairperson. The acting chairperson must schedule the council's first meeting and hold it within 60 days after the bill passes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

The table below shows the council's membership under the bill.

**Table: Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council**

| <i>Member or Representative</i>  | <i>Appointing Authority</i>  |
|--|------------------------------|
| Energy and Technology Committee chairpersons and ranking members, or their designees | None                         |
| Nuclear power generating facility in the state (i.e., Millstone Power Station)       | House speaker                |
| U.S. Naval Submarine Base-New London   | Senate president pro tempore |
| Nuclear-powered submarine manufacturer   | House majority leader        |
| Engineering firm in the state that provides nuclear engineering services             | House minority leader        |
| Spent nuclear fuel storage expert  | Senate majority leader       |
| State nuclear industry supply chain expert   | Senate minority leader       |

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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