

# Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6496

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES.

**Vote Date:** 3/14/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/2/2023

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

[Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, 136th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Kerry S. Wood, 29th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Stephen R Meskers, 150th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Jane M. Garibay, 60th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Keith Denning, 42nd Dist.](#)

[Rep. James Sanchez, 6th Dist.](#)

[Rep. Rachel Khanna, 149th Dist.](#)

## **REASONS FOR THE BILL:**

The State of Connecticut may be able to save on its energy usage costs, improve efficiency, and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by introducing new technologies for use in state government. These prospects are significant since using new technologies could reduce state government expenses and help Connecticut reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, this bill proposes the consideration of cost-saving technologies to be used by the state government by testing new technologies at state agencies to evaluate their efficacy for lowering energy usage costs, improving efficiency, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

N/A

## **NATURE AND SOURCE OF SUPPORT:**

[Robert Silverberg, Managing Partner, Morris London](#) – Supports the bill to “expedite the process in which proprietary energy efficiency and demand response technologies could be piloted at no cost or liability to the state and be procured via sole source—performance-based contracting” (Robert Silverberg, Morris London Testimony, March 2, 2023).

Furthermore, Morris London would support the further expansion of the initiative outlined in this bill to include online optimization technologies.

Kerry Wood, State Representative - 29<sup>th</sup> District, CT General Assembly – Supports the bill since it would allow the state to test new technologies that could save the state money and make its operations more efficient before investing in the technology, allowing Connecticut to integrate new technologies without liability or risk. Attached to Rep. Wood's written testimony is a flowchart that details how state agencies may implement such test bed technologies.

**NATURE AND SOURCE OF OPPOSITION:**

N/A

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