
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 382

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLICITATION OF RUN-OF-THE-RIVER HYDROPOWER AND ENERGY DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE WIND.

SUMMARY

This bill increases power purchase agreement terms, from 20 to 30 years, allowed under an existing procurement authorization for run-of-the-river hydropower or offshore wind resources. It also eliminates the power purchase agreement term limit for energy storage systems.

For this procurement authorization, existing law allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to solicit proposals from any combination run-of-the-river hydropower, landfill methane gas, biomass, fuel cells, offshore wind, anaerobic digestion, or energy storage system providers to meet up to 6% of the state's load, but not more than 3% of the state's load from offshore wind providers. The law allows the DEEP commissioner to direct the electric distribution companies (i.e., Eversource and United Illuminating) into power purchase agreements for selected proposals for any combination of energy, capacity, or environmental attributes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 385, favorably reported by the Energy and Technology Committee, extends the maximum term, from 20 to 30 years, for agreements under a separate authorization for solicitations for Class I offshore wind facilities for up to 2,000 megawatts in the aggregate.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/21/2024)