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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sSB 1154**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LIGHTER-THAN-AIR BALLOONS.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), by October 1, 2025, to work with representatives from the helium industry, including manufacturers and distributors, to make a schedule to phase out, by December 31, 2027, the use of helium in filling lighter-than-air balloons in Connecticut. The bill requires the DEEP commissioner to report to the Environment Committee by February 1, 2026, with a description of the schedule, progress achieved, and any further legislative recommendations regarding lighter-than-air balloons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 1 (02/28/2025)