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Environment Committee

AGENDA

Monday, February 10, 2025

10:00 AM in Room 2B of the LOB and Zoom and YouTube Live 2B

- I. CONVENE MEETING
- II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS
- III. PROPOSED BILLS TO BE DRAFTED AS COMMITTEE BILLS
 1. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5004](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ASSOCIATED JOB SECTORS. (ENV)
 2. Proposed H.B. No. [SB9](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL AND STATE PLANNING. (ENV)
 3. Proposed H.B. No. [SB1115](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF CROSS-BORDER BOTTLE REDEMPTION PROHIBITIONS. (ENV)
 4. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6289](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF DRONES TO ANALYZE, TREAT AND APPLY FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES TO CROPS. (ENV)
 5. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6280](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND. (ENV)
 6. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6278](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL TESTING METHODS. (ENV)
 7. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6277](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM ANIMAL BREEDERS AND ANIMAL TESTING FACILITIES. (ENV)

8. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6273](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR FARMERS WHO HAVE CROP LOSS DUE TO SIGNIFICANT ACUTE WEATHER EVENTS. (ENV)
9. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6267](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CAT DECLAWING. (ENV)
10. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6263](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND PURCHASE OF GAS-POWERED HAND-HELD OR BACKPACK LEAF BLOWERS BY STATE AGENCIES. (ENV)
11. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6257](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TERRAMATION. (ENV)
12. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6249](#) AN ACT LIMITING APPEALS UNDER THE CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT. (ENV)
13. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6250](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEVELS OF STAFFING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS. (ENV)
14. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6248](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS IN THE LOWER HOUSATONIC RIVER. (ENV)
15. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6241](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT. (ENV)
16. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6240](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF ANIMALS SOLD AT PET STORES. (ENV)
17. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6236](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING WATERFOWL AND BIRD HUNTING IN SECTIONS OF THE MORRIS COVE AREA OF NEW HAVEN. (ENV)
18. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6231](#) AN ACT RESTRICTING THE EUTHANIZATION OF FERAL CATS AND REQUIRING THE INVOLVEMENT OF FERAL CAT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE TRAPPING OF SUCH ANIMALS. (ENV)
19. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6218](#) AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AS AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. (ENV)
20. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6229](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND POLYSTYRENE WASTE. (ENV)
21. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6226](#) AN ACT LIMITING THE LENGTH OF TIME SEIZED ANIMALS MAY BE HELD IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR MUNICIPAL POUND. (ENV)
22. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6224](#) AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SUPPLIES AND THE WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR WORKFORCE. (ENV)
23. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6222](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AQUACULTURE IN THE STATE. (ENV)

24. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5904](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO PET OWNERS DURING AND FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY A VETERINARIAN TOWARD SUCH PET. (ENV)
25. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5749](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED SEPTIC SYSTEMS WITH NITROGEN-REMOVAL FEATURES. (ENV)
26. Proposed H.B. No. [SB732](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE WATER PLAN TO BE AMENDED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. (ENV)
27. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5388](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL FISHING, HUNTING AND AQUACULTURE RIGHTS OF CERTAIN NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES. (ENV)
28. Proposed H.B. No. [SB641](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A BOAT WASHING STATION AT GARDNER LAKE IN THE TOWN OF SALEM. (ENV)
29. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5134](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RABBIT PROCESSING IN THE STATE. (ENV)
30. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6455](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO MODIFY OR REVOKE A CONSENT ORDER. (ENV)
31. Proposed H.B. No. [SB58](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING RESIDENTS LIVING IN A FLOOD ZONE TO LAY UP TO TEN THOUSAND CUBIC YARDS OF LANDSCAPE FILL PER YEAR IN THEIR YARD AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH FILL AND A GRANT PROGRAM FOR ROAD RAISING. (ENV)
32. Proposed H.B. No. [SB75](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE EXPEDITING OF PERMITS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF HYDRILLA IN LAKES ACROSS THE STATE. (ENV)
33. Proposed H.B. No. [SB73](#) AN ACT TRANSFERRING OVERSIGHT OF FARMING ON STATE-OWNED LAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (ENV)

IV. CONCEPTS TO BE DRAFTED AS RAISED BILLS

- a. AAC WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT
- b. AAC RIPARIAN BUFFERS

V. BILLS TO BE REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES

1. Proposed H.B. No. [HB6256](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF REBATES UNDER THE CONNECTICUT HYDROGEN AND ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE REBATE PROGRAM. (ENV)
(Change of Reference – Transportation)
2. Proposed H.B. No. [HB5386](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ZERO-EMISSION AFTERMARKET CONVERSION PROJECT. (ENV)
(Change of Reference – Finance)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

VII. ADJOURNMENT