



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4814



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-268g of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 On or before January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Energy and
4 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Materials
5 Innovation and Recycling Authority, shall issue a request for proposals
6 from providers of solid waste materials management services,
7 including, but not limited to, recycling, reuse, energy and fuel recovery
8 for the purpose of redeveloping the Connecticut Solid Waste System
9 Project. Such proposals shall not include the provision of waste
10 collection or transportation services. From such proposals, the
11 commissioner may select not more than three respondents who may
12 each conduct a feasibility study with the cooperation of the Materials
13 Innovation and Recycling Authority. Any such feasibility study shall
14 be completed not later than January 1, 2017, and any such respondent
15 shall submit a final proposal to the Commissioner of Energy and

16 Environmental Protection not later than July 1, 2017. The
17 commissioner shall provide an opportunity for public review and
18 comment on such feasibility study. On or before September 15, 2017,
19 the commissioner shall submit a report on the nature and status of
20 such proposals to the joint standing committees of the General
21 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment
22 and energy and technology and to the joint standing committee on
23 legislative management. The joint standing committees of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment
25 and energy and technology may hold a joint public hearing on such
26 report not later than thirty days after receipt of such report. The
27 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall testify at any such
28 public hearing and receive comments from the members of said
29 committees concerning such proposals. [On or before December 31,
30 2017, the] Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes,
31 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may select
32 one such final proposal and [direct] order, pursuant to section 22a-208,
33 the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority to enter into an
34 agreement with the applicable respondent for the redevelopment of
35 the Connecticut Solid Waste Management System Project. In selecting
36 such final proposal, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
37 Protection shall consider the following factors: (1) Whether the
38 proposal is consistent with the strategies developed pursuant to
39 section 22a-241a, (2) whether the proposal is consistent with the goals
40 of the state-wide solid waste management plan adopted in accordance
41 with section 22a-228, (3) whether the proposal is in the best interest of
42 the municipalities under contract with the Materials Innovation and
43 Recycling Authority, including, but not limited to, the maintenance or
44 reduction of current tipping fees for contracted waste, (4) the level of
45 investment proposed by the respondent, (5) any potential positive
46 impacts on the state's economic development, (6) public comments
47 received on the feasibility studies, and (7) any other factor consistent
48 with the purpose of this section that the Commissioner of Energy and
49 Environmental Protection deems relevant to the redevelopment of the
50 Connecticut Solid Waste System Project. The selection of a final

51 proposal by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,
52 in consultation with the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority,
53 shall not be construed as a legislative mandate as it relates to the
54 Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority's ability to obligate
55 municipal customers to remain under contract.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 22a-268g |
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may issue an order requiring the execution of a contract for the redevelopment of the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]