
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5325

AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HYDROPOWER.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the issues covered by the state's Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES) to require that the CES next approved after October 1, 2022, also (1) include policy recommendations about hydropower facilities in the state and (2) incorporate hydropower into the modeling performed as part of the strategy.

By law, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner must prepare a CES every four years. Among other things, it must (1) provide the analysis and recommendations needed to guide the state's energy policy to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements; (2) incorporate an assessment and plan for all energy needs in the state; (3) identify and evaluate the factors likely to affect future energy supplies, demand, and costs; and (4) consider several factors related to low-carbon fuel blends for home heating oil and their effects on greenhouse gas emissions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)