

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-306 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE
Title: ENERGY STRATEGY.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.: 347

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REASONS FOR BILL:

To ensure that the state of Connecticut is adequately meeting its predetermined climate goals, this bill creates a comprehensive energy strategy that fosters economic development whilst achieving both business and climate initiatives.

The commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) alongside the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will work together to create this strategy.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Department of Economic and Community Development, Commissioner, Daniel O'Keefe](#)

submits testimony in support of this bill citing, the long-term competitive advantage this research can give the state of Connecticut economically. O'Keefe highlights, that this coordinated strategy is mutually beneficial as it supports business growth while also setting

requirements on energy costs, it also impacts the economy in terms of job creation, leading to the expansion of clean energy industries and ultimately creating more jobs.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Connecticut Business & Industry Association, Senior Policy Director, Peter Myers](#) writes in support of this bill, due to its inclusion of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Due to the mission and the work conducted by DECD, it is well understood that this bill will ensure that statewide economic priorities are upheld such as the support of manufacturing, advanced industries, and emerging technologies which exist as key industries in the state of Connecticut.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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