



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH ADDITIONS
HB 5223 AAC REQUIRING OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPERS TO ESTABLISH A
COMPENSATION FUND

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To: Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Steinberg, Vice Chairs Sen. McCrory and Rep. Foster, Ranking Members Sen. Fazio and Rep. Buckbee, Distinguished Members of the Energy & Technology Committee

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On behalf of CTLCV, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 5223 as it relates to Connecticut's strong commitment to clean energy. We appreciate that the Energy & Technology Committee has raised legislation to keep pushing forward policies that address our climate future.

CTLCV supports the provisions in 5223 that require offshore wind energy developers to compensate for negative impacts to fisheries and the environment.

Please consider adding the provisions contained in HB 5221 as our recommended language for HB 5223

The intent of this added language is to establish noise limits for offshore wind facilities that are providing energy to Connecticut electric customers, and to require environmental and job creation standards in the state's procurement of wind energy. One outcome of this added language would be to ensure that the developer uses the least environmentally damaging infrastructure. This could help set in motion thousands of jobs while protecting our marine ecosystem.

Please take this unique opportunity to add environmental protections for our marine habitats by setting noise limits for offshore wind facilities and requiring strong environmental standards in the state DEEP bidding process for wind energy.

Thank you for considering the environment when you vote.

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