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Legislative Update – February 25, 2013

The deadline for Raised Bills (*i.e.*, deadline for committee requests to fully draft bills that are not based on Proposed Bills) has passed. The Committee Bill deadline (*i.e.*, deadline for committees to request fully drafted versions of existing Proposed Bills) is coming up in early March for most of the committees. As a result, within the next few weeks, we will know the pool of fully drafted bills (either Committee or Raised) for this session. That pool of bills will then be further narrowed at the Joint Favorable Report deadline, around the first week of April.

While that is still a lot of time, the coming weeks are an important and busy time for committees with bill deadlines, public hearings, and joint favorable report deadlines. If a bill you are tracking has not yet had a public hearing, you can check the bill status page on the General Assembly's website to see if a hearing date has been assigned. If you are not tracking a particular bill and just want to see what is on the agenda for various public hearings, you can either (1) check the list of public hearings in the daily [Bulletin](#) or (2) check the public hearing agendas posted on each [committee's webpage](#).

Table 1 contains a cumulative list of select bills that may be of interest regarding environmental, energy, and land use matters and the most recent action on each bill. For more information on each bill select the "Bill Status" link. Because of the recent raised bill deadline, there are a number of bills that committees have voted to draft but for which the draft is not yet available; those bills will be added to the next update.

Table 1: Environment, Energy, and Land Use Related Bills

Committee of Origin	Bill No.	Title	Bill Status Report	Last Action (as of 2/22/13)
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE				
Environment	16	AA REQUIRING THE LABELING OF FOOD AND DRINK PRODUCTS THAT ARE PACKAGED IN MATERIALS THAT CONTAIN BISPHENOL-A	Bill Status	Ref. → Joint Committee ENV
Environment	550	AAC INTERVENTION IN PERMIT PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1971	Bill Status	Ref. → PD
Environment	564	AAC MERCURY EMISSIONS AT CERTAIN POWER PLANTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 01/30
Environment	803	AAC AQUACULTURE JOB GROWTH	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/15
Environment	806	AAC THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/15
Environment	916	AA AUTHORIZING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR THE FAULTY, CARELESS OR NEGLIGENT APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/25
Environment	5146	AAC OPEN SPACE REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE BY LAND DEVELOPERS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13

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Environment	5285	AAC THE MAINTENANCE OF TREES BY HOMEOWNERS	Bill Status	Ref. → JUD
Environment	5286	AAC THE REDEMPTION OF BOTTLES AT BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 01/30
Environment	5308	AAC CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PETROLEUM CLEAN-UP PROGRAM	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 01/30
Environment	5335	AA BANNING THE RECEIPT OF HAZARDOUS FRACKING BY-PRODUCTS IN THE STATE	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Environment	5477	AA PROVIDING STORMWATER AUTHORITIES WITH CERTAIN CORPORATE POWERS	Bill Status	Ref. → FIN
Environment	5480	AA REQUIRING GROUNDWATER TESTING AND THE DISCLOSURE OF PESTICIDE USE AT STATE-OWNED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FIELDS	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Environment	5800	AAC THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR PHOSPHOROUS REMOVAL AT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS	Bill Status	Ref. → FIN
Environment	5804	AA REQUIRING THE REGULATION OF RUNNING BAMBOO	Bill Status	Ref. → ENV
Environment	5825	AA PROVIDING FOR RECIPROCAL LICENSES FOR LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Environment	6316	AAC THE STATE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/15
Environment	6318	AAC THE CULTIVATION OF SEAWEED	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/15
Environment	6437	AAC A MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	Bill Status	
Environment	6439	AAC THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATION	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/25
Environment	6440	AAC MUNICIPALITIES AND THE APPLICATION OF LAWN CARE PESTICIDES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/25
Environment	6441	AAC THE DAM SAFETY PROGRAM	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/25
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE				
Energy and Technology	146	AAC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	203	AAC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	250	AA REQUIRING APPLICANTS OF ELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO PERFORM ENERGY ANALYSES	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	279	AAC THE ZERO EMISSION RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	807	AAC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MUNICIPAL REPORTING	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/07

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		REQUIREMENTS AND UNPAID UTILITY ACCOUNTS AT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS		
Energy and Technology	839	AAC STATUTORY CHANGES TO ADVANCE CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY POLICIES	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	944	AA ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	946	AAC CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR PROJECT 150 PROJECTS	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	949	AA ESTABLISHING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5259	AAC VIRTUAL NET METERING QUALIFICATIONS (See also SB 83)	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5260	AAC NEIGHBORHOOD VIRTUAL NET METERING	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5330	AAC HYDRAULIC FRACTURING	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5407	AA ELIMINATING THE FUNDING CAP ON VIRTUAL NET METERING	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5408	AAC VIRTUAL NET METERING	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5474	AA EXEMPTING FROM PROPERTY TAX CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES FOR MUNICIPAL USE	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5475	AN ACT EXTENDING RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD DEADLINES	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	5587	AAC SUBMETERING AT APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND CONDOMINIUMS	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	5588	AAC LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAMS TO REPLACE RESIDENTIAL OIL BOILERS, BURNERS AND FURNACES	Bill Status	Ref. → APP
Energy and Technology	5589	AA ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	5591	AAC ON-BILL FINANCING FOR ENERGY-RELATED TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	6087	AAC MUNICIPAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Energy and Technology	6285	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL INSTALLATION OF CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	6304	AAC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	6360	AAC COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY	Bill Status	Ref. → ET

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Energy and Technology	6471	AAC TREE TRIMMING BY UTILITIES	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
Energy and Technology	6472	AAC THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM	Bill Status	Ref. → ET
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
Planning and Development	2	AAC SMART GROWTH AND JOB CREATION	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	24	AAC THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/19
Planning and Development	143	AAC THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/01
Planning and Development	222	AAC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	295	AAC MUNICIPAL COLLECTION OF THE MARIJUANA AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TAX	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	352	AAC MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEMS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 2/27
Planning and Development	459	AAC LOCAL CONTROL OF SHORELINE PRESERVATION	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	460	AAC LOCAL APPLICATIONS FOR SEAWALL AND COASTAL PROTECTION MEASURES	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	621	AAC INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IN-LAW APARTMENTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	692	AAC COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	694	AAC ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF ZONING BOARDS OF APPEALS	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Planning and Development	705	AA EXPANDING THE POWERS OF MUNICIPAL STORMWATER AUTHORITIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	706	AAC GOVERNANCE BOARDS OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS	Bill Status	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
Planning and Development	783	AAC UNDERUTILIZED DEVELOPMENT ZONES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	814	AAC INTERVENTION IN PERMIT PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1971 (See also SB 550)	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/20
Planning and Development	817	AA ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BARNs	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/20
Planning and Development	5098	AA REQUIRING THE POSTING OF ASSIGNED MUNICIPAL LIENS	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	5242	AA EXPANDING FEE IN LIEU OF OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	5530	AA PERMITTING THE POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICES ON MUNICIPAL WEB SITES (See also SB 902)	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/01



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Planning and Development	5532	AAC THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/01
Planning and Development	5718	AAC MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TAX ABATEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Vote to Draft
Planning and Development	5725	AAC THE STATE-WIDE PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION PLAN	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	5966	AA AUTHORIZING FEES IN LIEU OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	5968	AA CLARIFYING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	5969	AA AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS	Bill Status	Ref. → FIN
Planning and Development	6235	AAC BLIGHT VIOLATIONS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 02/13
Planning and Development	6236	AAC MUNICIPAL FEES FOR FINALIZING OPEN BUILDING PERMITS	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 03/01
Planning and Development	6326	AAC PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR SOLAR THERMAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE INSTALLATIONS (See also HB 6087)	Bill Status	Ref. → PD
Planning and Development	6481	AAC NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES	Bill Status	Public Hearing: 03/01
OTHER COMMITTEES				
Commerce	6174	AAC REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT STATUTES	Bill Status	Vote to Draft

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