

# MAKING UTILITY OVERSIGHT TRANSPARENT & ACCOUNTABLE

## THE ISSUE

- Not subject to FOIA<sup>1</sup>
- Charge unjustified fees to consumers<sup>2</sup>
- PURA lacks staffing & qualified expertise<sup>3</sup>
- Energy efficiency programs prioritize profit over impact<sup>4</sup>

## SOLUTIONS

- Minnesota's *ECO Act* proved that ambitious goals paired with equity-focused programs drive real change.<sup>7</sup>
- Maryland's HB 505 (2024) policy show that by preventing misuse of public funds increased utility transparency.
- Virginia's *Clean Economy Act* solidified that well-planned reforms benefit the environment and the economy.<sup>9</sup>
- Colorado's HB 21-1105 (2021) established that nonprofit-led, equity centered programs serve vulnerable residents more effectively.<sup>10</sup>

**\$70M**

rate hike approved without public knowledge<sup>5</sup>

**2.7%**

increase in emissions despite climate goals<sup>6</sup>

## POLICY TIMELINE

HB 5229 Passes & FOIA Expansion Begins

2025

New PURA hiring standards implemented

2026

Energy programs transitioned to nonprofits

2027

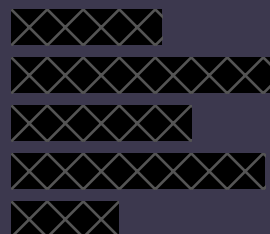
CT emissions decline, consumer trust rebounds<sup>11</sup>

2028

## VOTE YES!

We urge you to vote in favor of HB 5229 to restore transparency, strengthen regulatory oversight, and protect Connecticut consumers from unfair utility practices; ensuring equitable and sustainable utility governance.

## CONTACT



## SOURCES

