



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Proposed Bill No. 59**

LCO No. 69



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR BENEFICIAL USE DREDGING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of  
2 Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt a plan for beneficial use  
3 dredging that identifies: (1) Navigable channels for such dredging, (2)  
4 wetlands that may be best suited for the dredged sediment, and (3) a  
5 projected cost and timeline for the plan. Not later than December 31,  
6 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
7 submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the General  
8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve navigation in Connecticut's waterways and increase and improve coastal wetland habitat and water quality.