

# SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 861**

with committee amendments

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 15, 2023

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 861, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended by the committee, would allow municipalities throughout the State to conduct an annual event for the open burning of Christmas trees. The bill would require a municipality holding an event to ensure that all ornaments, lights, and other extraneous items are removed from the trees prior to conducting the burning. The Department of Environmental Protection would be responsible for establishing rules, regulations, and standards for the open burning of Christmas trees by municipalities within the State.

The committee amendments to the bill require a municipality holding an event to ensure that all ornaments, lights, and other extraneous items are removed from the trees prior to conducting the burning.