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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in potential cost to the state by creating an advisory board within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to review and obtain potential technology, products, or processes ("test projects") to determine their effectiveness and potential to create cost savings to the state.

There is a potential cost to this advisory board to the extent that expert third party consultation is needed by the board to fully evaluate an applicant's proposed test project. The actual cost will depend upon the type of project in the application. It is anticipated that the board will consult with experts in state agencies, such as Connecticut Innovations or the Department of Administrative Services, when applicable at no cost to the state.

The bill has no fiscal impact by creating the advisory board within DECD. It is anticipated that DECD can accommodate the operation of the advisory board within existing resources. The bill requires the board to meet at least two times per year.

The bill requires any costs associated with the acquisition and use of a test project to be borne by the applicant. Any cost to implement a test project will therefore be incurred by the applicant and not the state.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.