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sHB-7059

AN ACT STUDYING THE DANBURY BRANCH LINE OF THE
METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD AND CONCERNING
THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 26 \$ | FY 27 \$ |
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| Transportation, Dept. | TF - Cost | \$2 million | None |

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a feasibility study on operating hybrid trains and expanding the Danbury branch rail line, as described in the bill, which is expected to result in a one-time cost of approximately \$2 million for consultant support.

Section 2, which is not expected to have a fiscal impact, requires DOT to establish a separate web page on the department's website for the Connecticut Public Transportation Council and to include the council's budget request, if any, in the department's estimate of expenditure requirements.

The Out Years

None