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sHB-7153

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORT
EASTSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE
TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
East Hartford	Cost	15,000-20,000	15,000-20,000
East Hartford	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
East Hartford	Potential Revenue Grand List Increase	See Below	See Below
East Hartford	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill establishes an infrastructure improvement district (Port Eastside) in the town of East Hartford, which results in the following impacts.

If fifteen or more voters petition to establish the district, East Hartford would incur

(a) minimal costs (estimated at less than \$1,000) associated with providing written notice of a meeting of the voters residing within the district's limits, as well as holding the meeting; and

(b) potential costs associated with conducting a referendum, if (1) 200

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or more voters, or 10% of the total number of voters in the district, whichever is less, petition for a referendum, or (2) the mayor orders a referendum. The cost of holding a referendum in a town of East Hartford's size is estimated to range from \$15,000 - \$20,000.

There is a potential cost to East Hartford for fees and costs associated with the establishment of an infrastructure improvement district, as it is unclear if the town is responsible for any costs associated with the district's establishment or if private developers will cover these costs.

To the extent that creation of Port Eastside leads to property improvements, East Hartford may experience an increase in its grand list.

The bill results in a potential revenue gain to East Hartford should the district contract with the town for public services such as firefighting and town planning, and the town receives reimbursement from the district for those services.

East Hartford may experience a potential cost from the bill as it permits the town to incur the district's debts in the event that the district is terminated. The town must agree in writing to assume any of the district's outstanding debts.

The Out Years

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