Government Oversight Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.:HB-6073
AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR THE REVIEW OF
EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.Vote Date:2/25/2025Vote Action:Joint FavorablePH Date:2/18/2025File No.:Image: Content of the state of the state

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Oversight Committee Rep Dathan

REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for this bill is to make modifications to the process for reviewing agency regulations to determine whether they are obsolete, inconsistent, or ineffective and change the deadlines for such review. Existing law requires every state agency to conduct an annual review of its regulations (under 4-189i(a)) and submit it to the Regulation Review Committee. The purpose of these reviews is to determine which regulations are obsolete, has not been used within the preceding seven years, inconsistent with any provision of the general statutes, federal law or any regulation adopted under the general statutes, or ineffective.

Sec 1 requires state agencies to submit a summary of the results of these reviews, every seven years, (beginning January 1, 2028), to their respective committee of cognizance, and to the Regulation Review Committee. Timely reviews of current regulations will help to identify and eliminate redundancies and out-of-date policies, regulations, and procedures.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Christina Captain: Co-Founder, CT CannaWarriors:

Supports this bill because it will make crucial improvements to transparency, accountability, and ethical oversight in state agencies. Specifically, with respect to the DCP and the medical cannabis program, enabling the law to catch up with the times.

John Filchak, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Organizations:

Supports the bill because it better enables them to fulfil their mission of enabling the government to work more efficiently.

Olivia Rinkes:

Expressed general support for this concept.

Christopher Davis, VP, Public Policy, CT Business and Industry Association (CBIA):

Supports the bill because the organization is hindered by existing, outdated statute on the matters of improving government efficiency. The updated regulations provided in the bill will enable the state to directly improve efficiency within government. The matters outlined in the bill will also enable the organization to further pursue and enact their economic plan to boost the state's competitiveness by enabling small businesses across the state.

Sara Mendillo, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs:

Supports this bill because it gives state agencies more resources to essentially support and sustain themselves by improving their own regulations, since the agencies themselves know what is in their own best interest.

Josiah Schlee: Medical Cannabis Advocate, CT Cannawarriors:

Supports the bill but hopes that it can move in a timelier manner. The bill will also modernize the DCP's regulations on different classifications of cannabis.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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