Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.:	HB-6075 AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTORS FOR AN AIRFRAME AND
Title:	POWERPLANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.
Vote Date:	2/27/2025
Vote Action:	Joint Favorable
PH Date:	2/20/2025
File No.:	

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would address, and make simpler, the process for trained airframe and powerplant educators in their ability to teach within Connecticut. In effect, this bill combats the need of such professionals in our higher education system to support our state's aviation industry.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

<u>Suprivo Chatterjee</u>: Supports this bill because it addresses the growing need for the aviation industry in Connecticut, and the workforce development needed to meet that need. In addition, they propose that the committee consider additional training in Avionics (NCATT Certification).

<u>Arnold Goldman, Canton Animal Hospital LLC:</u> Supports this bill because it opens the ability to possess a K-12 certificate for those under 18 or still enrolled in K-12 schooling, which would, to them, make teaching more accessible to those who wish to do so.

<u>Robert Ham</u>: Supports this bill because it creates a greater appreciation of the aviation industry in Connecticut, retaining tradespeople in our state, and thus increasing our state's aviation industry itself.

<u>Sean Collins</u>, Eastern Regional Manager, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA): Supports this bill because it provides access to qualified aviation maintenance professionals, which helps the continued growth of the aviation industry in Connecticut.

Arnold Goldman: See above testimony of Arnold Goldman.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Tom Atwood

Date: 3/14/25