

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6946

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Vote Date: 2/20/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2025

File No.: 69

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require that additional information be reported out by individual housing authorities in their annual reports, and for such reports to be posted online. If passed, this legislation would increase public access to information on affordable housing units. Such additional information would include the affordability levels of housing units owned and operated by the housing authority, the number of housing units and their affordability levels displayed as a percentage of area median income, the annual change in affordability levels of housing authority units, and the dates when housing units were qualified as affordable.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader, Connecticut General Assembly](#): Representative Rojas provided testimony in support of this bill stating that it would increase the, "accessibility of information relating to the work of public housing authorities." Representative Rojas concluded that this legislation would allow, "individuals and policymakers to easily understand the status of their housing authority's stock."

[Francis Pickering, Executive Director, Western Connecticut Council of Governments](#): Mr. Pickering expressed on behalf of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) general support for the bill while making some suggestions. He advised

reconsidering the phrase, 'owned and operated', as not all properties under these housing authorities are both owned and operated by them.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Arianna Tsikitas, Clerk
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Date: 2/28/2025