Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.:HB-7190
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY
Title:Title:SERVICES.Vote Date:3/14/2025Vote Action:Joint Favorable
3/11/2025PH Date:3/11/2025

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CO-SPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen. Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist. Rep. Sarah Keitt, 134th Dist.

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Human Services Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill requires the Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services to study the needs of senior citizens in the state and ensure adequate allocation of resources.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Aging and Disability Services, Amy Porter, Commissioner: The bill would require ADS to study the needs of seniors for long-term care, transportation, housing assistance, nutritional assistance, and opportunities for socialization. The Commissioner lists other state or regional planning documents including seniors, such as the State Plan on Aging, the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program annual report, Regional Plans done by each of the state's five Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) (which also have an Area Plan), and the Connecticut Healthy Aging Data Report. Because of the existence of these plans, ADS does not believe this bill is necessary.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Anonymous: The testimony is in support of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

<u>Ryan Augur</u>

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY:

Cheryl Yoder

Reported by: Breanne Clifton

Date: April 1, 2025