

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7280

AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE CITY OF

Title: DANBURY.

Vote Date:

Vote Action:

PH Date: 5/5/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Gucker, Rep. Santos

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires the Chief Court Administrator for the Judicial Department to convey to Danbury a .33-acre parcel of land that contains the former Fairfield County Courthouse for administrative costs to be used for municipal purposes.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Judicial Branch, External Affairs:

The Connecticut Judicial Branch submitted testimony in support of this legislation as it is a surplus property, and under CT 4b-21, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services is responsible for the disposition of the property.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Robert LaFrance, Director of Policy for CT, National Audubon Society:

Robert LaFrance submitted testimony in support of this legislation with the request that a reverter clause to the state be added, and that the land use is reserved for "passive recreation."

Monica Pullano:

Monica Pullano submitted testimony in support of this legislation because there is a significant need for affordable housing in the state. She believes we must designate land specially for this use.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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Date: 5/19/25