

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1177

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS.

Vote Date: 2/18/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/6/2025

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires the Dept. of Social Services and the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services to study long-term care needs in Connecticut and to report to the Aging and Human Services Committees by January 1, 2026.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No testimony submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

LeadingAge Connecticut, Ms. Mag Morelli, President: They **support** this bill and offer their assistance to the Committee with this study. They point out that the state's Long-Term Care Planning committee's website and their long-term care plans and reports.

AARP Connecticut, Ms. Natalie Shurtleff, Assoc. State Director of Advocacy and Community Outreach: They **support** this legislation to better understand the needs of this changing population and the efforts to study the diverse needs of the states aging population as related to transportation and housing.

Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home, Ms. Tracy Wodatch, President and CEO: The Associations home and community-based providers are always **supportive** of efforts that can lead to expanding access to support services in the home. They believe that without significant investment for low Medicaid rates for home and community-based care

this problem will only get worse. Over the last 17 years that have not had a meaningful increase to keep pace with rising costs.

[Connecticut Assisted Living Association, Mr. Chris Carter, President](#): They **support** this bill on the basis that the state's very successful Assisted Living subsidy programs adopted in the early 2000's should be studied for further expansion.

[Home Matters Caregiving, Mr. Matthew Scher](#) and [Ms. Asha Scher, Owners](#): They submitted their testimony in **support** of this legislation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Ms. Kelly Rose Pabst](#): Her testimony was in **opposition** to this bill. She believes we should save the money.

[Mr. Frank Egolf](#): He offered testimony in opposition to this proposal.

Reported by: Richard Ferrari, Assistant Clerk

Date: 2/20/25