

# Banking Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1255

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY BANK AND COMMUNITY CREDIT  
UNION INVESTMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE

**Title:** TREASURER.

**Vote Date:** 3/6/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/13/2025

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

The Banking Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Banks chartered outside of the state of Connecticut have been excluded from the program, which was an unintended consequence that arose from the last time the program was expanded. The bill would redefine the terms community bank and community credit union to include those institutions.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Erick Russell, Office of the State Treasurer, Connecticut State Treasurer:** He expressed that this bill would include community banks and credit unions chartered out of the state that were previously excluded when the program first arose two years ago.

**Matthew Smith, Department of Banking, Director of Government Relations:** He stated that this bill corrects an inadvertent omission to the State Treasurers banking program which previously excluded federally chartered banks. He also stated that the inclusion of federally chartered credit unions being able to participate in the programs is a development that would benefit our economy.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

[Thomas Mongellow, Connecticut Bankers Association, CEO:](#) He stated that this bill would redefine the terms community banks and community credit unions and allow for federally chartered banks to participate in the State Treasurer's community banking program. He also expressed that this bill would strengthen our local economy and provide stable and supportive measures towards small businesses.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

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