

# Judiciary Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1446

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS.

**Vote Date:** 4/10/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/10/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill aims to enhance the penalties for unlawfully allowing a dog to roam free in order to curb the increase in roaming dogs around Connecticut.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Scott Sandler, Esq.**: He submitted testimony in support of this legislation and suggests one amendment, which would allow animal control officers to exercise the same discretion consistently.

**Courtney Sepeck**: She supports this legislation because dog owners must be more responsible for properly controlling their dog, providing fencing where needed, and not letting them run loose.

**Stephen Getman**: He submitted testimony in support of this legislation because people whose dogs cause damage and/or injury to people or other animals deserve more than just a slap on the wrist.

**Karen Scotti**: She submitted testimony in support of this legislation.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by:** Griffin Olshan

**Date:** April 21, 2025