

# Appropriations Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1526

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE

**Title:** MARSHALS.

**Vote Date:** 4/24/2025

**Vote Action:** JOINT FAVORABLE

**PH Date:** 3/28/2025

**File No.:**

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## SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Appropriations Committee

## REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill extends state employee health care benefits to state marshals. A study conducted in 2023 found that offering healthcare benefits to state marshals can improve recruitment efforts and diversity in hiring.

## RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Jeffrey Beckham, Secretary- Office of Policy & Management](#)

OPM opposes HB 1526 as state marshals are not considered state employees, they are public officials who are compensated on a fee-for-service basis. OPM estimates the initial cost would be over \$2.5 million in the first full year.

## NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Arthur Quinn- Chairman- State Marshals Advisory Board](#)

Supports this bill and testified to his experience being shot during the performance of his duties as a state marshal in October of 2009 and the long-term health and financial impact to his family.

### **Ed Hawthorne- President- Connecticut AFL-CIO**

Supports HB 1526 as a necessary benefit to provide state marshals in order to improve recruitment and retention for the job.

### **Brian Mezick- President- State Marshal Association of CT**

Provided testimony that the aging population of state marshals in Connecticut and the unique status and function of marshals in the state government has limited access to health benefits.

### **(13) state marshal's provided supporting testimony for this bill-**

[Phyllis Airey- Hartford County](#)

[Madison Beggs- New Haven County](#)

[Suzann Corbett- Litchfield County](#)

[Julianne Ingham- Litchfield County](#)

[Kevin McNeil- Fairfield County](#)

[Tim Poloski- Tolland County](#)

[Louis Sullivan- New London County](#)

[Robert Bradley- Fairfield County](#)

[Richard Fry- New Haven County](#)

[Connor Lilly- Hartford County](#)

[Nick Poppiti- New London County](#)

[Lisa Stevenson- Ex-Officio state marshal commission](#)

[Kevin Wakley- Windham County](#)

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

[Beverly Allen](#)-provides opposing testimony

**Reported by: Chris Reddy**

**Date: April 30, 2025**