

# Government Oversight Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1567

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

**Title:** WILLINGTON.

**Vote Date:**

**Vote Action:**

**PH Date:** 5/5/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen. Gordon, Rep. Nuccio

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires DOT to convey to Willington a .18-acre parcel of land at a cost equal to the administrative cost of conveyance, plus the cost of any survey if deemed necessary by DOT, for purposes related to the fire station located at 426 River Road.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

#### **Garrett Eucalitto, Commissioner, CT Department of Transportation:**

Garrett Eucalitto submitted testimony in opposition of this legislation because this parcel contains a portion of the Route 32 right of way is located in front of a local road. Transfers of portions of the state right of should not be legislated for transfer without review from appropriate disciplines within DOT.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Jeff Gordon, Senate Republicans, CT-35:**

Senator Gordon submitted testimony in support of this legislation because the land is essential for the construction of a new, larger fire station to replace the decrepit older facility currently in use.

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

Robert LaFrance submitted testimony in support of this legislation and asks that a reverter clause to the state is included, and that the recreational use of the land be limited to "passive recreation."

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Griffin Olshan, Greg Wolff**

**Date: 5/16/25**