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HB-5247

AN ACT CONCERNING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM
AND THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 4405)

House Calendar No.: 263

Senate Calendar No.: 474

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Potential Cost	At least 68,100	At least 37,500
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Potential Cost	11,800	15,700

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost of at least \$89,900 in FY 27 and \$53,200 in FY 28 and each year thereafter to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by allowing the agency to administer a pilot test bed program. The costs to DAS include 1) one-time costs of \$50,000 in FY 27 to develop an online portal and 2) a 0.5 full-time equivalent staff at an annualized cost of \$53,200 (\$37,500 in salary and \$15,700 in fringe benefits) to administer the program.

There is also a potential cost to DAS to the extent that expert third party consultation is needed to fully evaluate an applicant's proposed test project. The actual cost will depend upon the type of project in the

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

application. It is anticipated DAS will consult with experts in state agencies, such as Connecticut Innovations, when applicable, at no cost to the state.

The bill requires any costs associated with the acquisition and use of a test project to be paid by the applicant. Any cost to implement a test project will therefore be incurred by the applicant and not the state.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.