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HB-5525

AN ACT CONCERNING A RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR
CERTAIN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 4498)

House Calendar No.: 320

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) to establish criteria for aquatic invasive species to qualify for rapid response, and to complete various duties related to rapid responses including developing a state rapid response protocol for hydrilla. This does not result in a cost as the AES has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the requirements contained within the amendment.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, eliminating an annual cost of up to \$100,000 to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and a potential savings to various municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None