

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5251 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN
Title: CONSULTANT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/24/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep Dathan, Rep Constantine

REASONS FOR BILL:

HB 5251 requires any state agency that provides consulting services to a firm exceeding \$100,000 for the purposes of a study or report, also submit a report to Government Oversight Committee within one year of receipt of a final study or report. This report is required to summarize the findings in the entity's report, whether the agency intends to implement any recommendations, and if applicable, by what date.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Michele Gilman, Commissioner, Department OF Administrative Services:](#)

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has concerns about the proposed legislation, which would add additional reporting requirements to the department. For some studies that fall under this proposal, DAS is acting as an agent for another agency, and therefore, we cannot predict what future action that agency will take. As DAS procures consulting services for our agency and for those of our sister agencies, the volume of reports that would have to be compiled and submitted would be an additional administrative burden on our staff, and one that would be a challenge without additional resources.

[Daniel O'Keefe, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community](#)

Development: Testified writing general comments, stating that while the bill aims to increase transparency, the required follow-up reporting would create a significant administrative burden and divert agency resources from core functions.

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Education:

Testified in opposition, stating the bill is duplicative and would unnecessarily increase reporting burdens, as agencies already submit and publish similar reports, and suggested instead improving internal sharing of existing reports.

Elena Treworthy, Interim Commissioner, Office of Early Childhood: Testified in opposition to the bill, stating that the bill would create duplicative and unfunded administrative burdens, strain staff capacity, and reduce efficiency, as consultant reports are already publicly available and used in existing processes.

Joshua Wojcik, Acting Secretary, Office of Policy and Management: Testified writing general comments, stating the bill would create significant reporting burdens due to its broad scope, require additional resources and contract changes, and potentially increase costs, while expressing willingness to work with the committee to clarify its intent.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff
Assistant Clerk- Mike Hamann**

Date: 3/24/26