

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5254 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW
OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/24/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep Dathan, Rep Constantine

REASONS FOR BILL:

Existing law requires every state agency to conduct an annual review of its regulations (under 4-189i(a)) and submit it to the Regulation Review Committee. The purpose of these reviews is to determine which regulations are obsolete, inconsistent, or ineffective.

Sec 1 requires the Governor to prescribe an individual timetable for each state agency to conduct a review of its existing regulations every seven years, beginning February 1, 2027. The Governor is also required to notify the Regulation Review Committee and Government Oversight Committee as to the individual timetable of each state agency.

Additionally, each agency is required to submit a summary of the results of the review conducted by the Governor to the Regulation Review Committee and Government Oversight Committee.

Sec 2 makes conforming changes.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Adds reference to public comment period in lines 52-55

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Paul Amarone, Connecticut Business and Industry Association, Senior Policy Director:

Paul Amarone supports this bill because he believes it makes meaningful improvements to the existing review framework by establishing clearer accountability and a structured timetable for agency review of regulations.

Alex Knopp, Former House Chair of the Regulations Review and GA&E Committees:

Alex Knopp supports this bill because it better implements the constitutional division of powers by clearly delegating to the Executive Branch the role of prescribing the timetable for each agency's review of existing regulations.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff
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Date: 3/19/26