

Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5281 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Vote Date: 3/6/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/27/2026

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill amends Section 8-28 of the General Statutes to clarify publication requirements for official actions or decisions of a planning commission.

The bill seeks to ensure that municipal planning commission decisions are communicated to the public in a timely and consistent manner.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director, testified in support of the bill. He stated that the bill clarifies publication timing under CGS 8-28 and reiterated support for allowing municipalities to satisfy legal notice requirements through online publication.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Dr. Linda Dalessio testified in opposition, stating that the 15-day appeal period does not provide municipalities or taxpayers sufficient time to appeal decisions made regarding plans within their community.

