

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5302 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ASSET LIMITS FOR HUSKY C BENEFICIARIES.

Vote Date: 3/5/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The purpose of the bill would be to raise current income and asset limits from \$1,600 for individuals and \$2,400 for married couples that were set in the 1970s to \$5,000 for an individual and \$7,500 for married couples to allow for less restricted access to the Husky C program.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

None applicable.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Senator Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore, Connecticut General Assembly:](#)

Senator Looney expressed **support** for the bill as it will increase the asset limits for the Husky C program, which covers individuals who are aging or disabled. The income limits were set long ago and he suggested support for eliminating the asset limit, similar to the Husky D program for those between 19 and 65 which does not have an asset limit.

[Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Connecticut General Assembly:](#)

Representative Klarides-Ditria expressed strong **support** of this bill. Individuals who find themselves slightly above the income or asset limits for Husky C plans are forced to pay out of pocket for services that would otherwise be covered by Medicaid, resulting in a financially challenging situation. Asset limits that were set in the 1970s should be updated to reasonably reflect current income situations.

State of Connecticut, House Republican Office: The House Republican Office **supports** this bill. They sympathize with the fact that the asset limits were set long ago and require an update to reflect current realistic financial needs of residents. The increase in asset limits will improve the lives of seniors and disabled adults by allowing them to remain at home.

State of Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability Services, Ms. Mairead Painter, Long-Term Care Ombudsman: This organization **supports** this bill and its ability to make an adjustment to asset limits for individuals eligible for the Husky C program. They also support this portion of residents being able to increase their savings to promote their financial stability and dignity as they age.

Connecticut Department of Social Services, Ms. Shantelle Varrs, Deputy Commissioner: This organization expressed **support** of this bill and its increases to the current asset limits with regard to the Husky C program. They mention that while they do support these efforts, they recognize that funding not contemplated in the Governor's recommended budget will be necessary.

Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, Mr. Michael Werner, J.D., Lead Aging Policy Analyst: This organization is in **support** of this bill, as it represents much needed reform to support the aging population in Connecticut. This would align Connecticut with other states in New England with higher asset limits and would promote progress in addressing financial inequities.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

AgingCT, Ms. Marie Allen, CEO, Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging & Independent Living: They **support** this bill. They feel that Husky C is essential for older adults receiving less income. They state that increases to the limits will positively reflect the cost of living for individuals and couples and will have positive effects on their health and stability, as well as more closely aligning Connecticut with other states.

Connecticut Citizen Action Group, Ms. Liz Dupont-Diehl: They **support** this bill and its ability to provide financial relief for older adults and those with disabilities. They also support modernizing the current income limits to reflect current earnings.

CT Legal Rights Project, Inc., Ms. Kathleen Flaherty, Esq., Executive Director: They **support** this bill and its ability to update currently financial standards related to enrollment in the Husky C program which will allow for expanded access for older adults and disabled individuals.

Office of the Healthcare Advocate, Ms. Kathleen Holt: They are in **support** of this bill as it will positively impact eligibility for public benefits, especially those for the aging and disabled. They recommend revisiting the proposed increases and suggest raising the asset limit further.

Fairfield Senior Advocates/Southwest Connecticut Agency on Aging, Mr. William Lenahan, FSA Director, State Issues, SWCAA, Board Member: They **support** this bill and

its ability to proportionately increase the income and asset limits for aging and disabled adults. They believe it will positively contribute to the ability to 'age in place'.

[Connecticut Legal Services, Inc., Ms. Jean Mills Aranha](#): They **support** the bill as it would raise unrealistic asset limits and adjust them to accommodate current living expenses and potential financial needs. This bill would assist low-income elders in staying at home as long as they are able.

[LeadingAge CT-RI, Ms. Mag Morelli, President](#): They **support** the bill and the concept of increasing asset limits to increase peace of mind and financial resources to older adults.

[AARP, Ms. Natalie Shurtleff, Associate State Director, Advocacy and Community Outreach](#): They **support** this bill and its efforts to increase income and asset limits to benefit older adults and those with disabilities. This will make it easier for these individuals to conserve income and allow for home modifications versus institutional care.

[Stamford Health, Bed Wade, Senior VP, Strategy and Marketing, Chief Strategy Officer](#): They **support** the asset limit increases proposed and encourage potentially higher increases. They noted that Husky A, B, and D do not have asset limits. They feel that these changes will allow for the ease to age in place.

[Ms. Nicole Fitzsimmons EASTCONN Parent](#)
[Ms. Ashley Garland, EASTCONN Parent](#)
They expressed **support** for this bill.

Reported by: Elizabeth Aheart, Clerk

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