

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5580 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT AMENDING A PRIOR CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF STRATFORD TO PERMIT THE PARCEL TO BE SOLD,

Title: TRANSFERRED OR LEASED.

Vote Date: 4/6/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 4/1/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Gresko

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill amends a prior state land conveyance to the Town of Stratford by removing earlier restrictions that required the parcel to be used solely for school purposes and prohibited its sale. The amendment allows Stratford to use the land only for parking purposes and is now allowed to sell, transfer, or lease the parcel for that same purpose. If the land is ever used for anything other than parking, ownership will revert back to the State of Connecticut. Any revenue generated from a sale, transfer, or lease must be paid into the Special Transportation Fund.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

JFS language requires any sale or lease to be FMV and signed off by DOT and the money to go to the Special Transportation Fund

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Garrett T. Eucalitto, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation: Offered general comments, stating the parcel already has a deed restriction for municipal parking and recommending that if the town seeks to sell, lease, or transfer the property, it should do so at fair market value. He suggested removing additional restrictive language and instead requiring appraisal-based valuation, with any proceeds directed to the Special Transportation Fund to protect the state's financial interest.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Jason Perillo, Senator, Connecticut General Assembly](#): Testified in support of this bill, stating that this would allow the Town of Stratford to proceed with a planned mixed-use redevelopment project by resolving restrictions from the original conveyance, including enabling potential sale, transfer, or lease of the parcel while supporting transit-oriented and workforce housing development.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

GENERAL COMMENTS:

[Anonymous 8 and 10](#): Left general comments.

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

Date: 4/13/26