

Banking Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-216 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY BANK AND CREDIT UNION

Title: INVESTMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

Vote Date: 3/10/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/24/2026

File No.: 1065

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Banking Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To allow State Treasurer to accept lower rates for investment services for the benefit of participants of the Homes for CT Program. This is intended to allow for the Homes for CT Program to accept lower borrowing costs from institutions, allow the Treasury to work better with CT financial institutions, and allow for lower costs for consumers.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Erick Russell, of the Connecticut State Treasury, Treasurer supports SB216 due to building upon current programs that strengthen community-based financial institutions while expanding access to affordable capital for Connecticut residents and small businesses, with it providing greater flexibility to accept lower interest rates from participating institutions in appropriate circumstances to the office of the State Treasury and enhancing the ability for institutions to lower borrowing costs. The State Treasury also believes that it will enhance their partnership with community banks and credit unions as well as lowering costs for consumers.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Tom Mongellow, President of The Connecticut Bankers Association (CBA) supports SB216 as it will increase state investment to locally funded institutions who serve Connecticut residents and main street businesses. The CBA also feels SB216 will expand small business

lending, residential mortgages, and community development financing from participating institutions as well as supporting moving to applications instead of a bidding process due to it increasing investments in community banks and credit unions. The CBA would welcome the opportunity to work with the Banking Committee and the Treasurer's Office to create an efficient application and investment process.

Nettie Kopka Supports SB216

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

N/A

Reported by: Giovanni DeSantis

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