

# Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-444 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE ON

**Title:** MUNICIPAL BOARDS OF FINANCE.

**Vote Date:** 3/13/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/11/2026

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Planning and Development Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill authorizes municipal employees to serve on municipal boards of finance if they receive less than ten thousand dollars in salary or wages annually.

The purpose of this bill is to increase the eligible candidates that can serve on municipal boards of finance, while accounting for possible conflicts of interest. This can be particularly imperative in towns with smaller populations, that may have fewer eligible candidates available at a given time.

## **SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):**

This substitute adds language to subsect. (e)(2)(C) clarifying that wages and earnings are calculated based on the prior twelve-month period of an employee's service.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Town of East Windsor, First Selectman, Jason E. Bosza:** Selectman Bosza expressed support for this bill, noting that it enables smaller communities such as East Windsor to utilize all available staff regardless of positioning on the board of finance. Selectman Bosza

suggested to expand this bill to include planning, zoning, and inland and wetlands boards unless there is a conflict of interest.

**Connecticut General Assembly, State Senator, Cathy Osten:** Sen. Osten expressed support for this bill, noting that it would increase the number of candidates eligible for service on municipal boards of finance, as well as increase local civic engagement.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

*Two anonymous individuals submitted written testimony opposing this bill, with one expressing concern over possible conflict of interest.*

*Several individuals opposed this bill citing concerns about government overreach:*

**Jakub Dziemaszkiewicz**

**Lena Gjonaj**

**Cynthia Steckler**

**Reported by: Mariah Leslie**

**Date: 3/19/26**