

Appropriations Committee Meeting - April 9, 2014
Analysis of Whether Costs Described in Fiscal Notes are Included in sHB 5030
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3	sHB 5113	-	-	-	No fiscal impact.
4	sHB 5050	13.5 million	-	13.5 million	FY 16 cost \$6.9 million. Section 13 of sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, provides \$65 million as a revenue intercept for the Board of Regents - President Office Operating Fund.
5	HB 5134	-	-	-	The bill requires municipalities to consider, when acquiring land by eminent domain to use for school construction, the assessed value of a property in addition to the average of two independent appraisals of the property, and compensation to the property owner at the higher price. The bill results in a cost increase to municipalities to the extent that the assessed value of any such land is greater than the average of two independent appraisals of the property.
6	sHB 5145	-	-	See Comments	The bill could result in a cost associated with allowing funding, that would otherwise lapse, to be utilized to provide housing subsidies in the subsequent fiscal year. While the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has historically made this funding available to private providers, the Auditors of Public Accounts raised concerns about such a fiscal process. The provisions of the bill explicitly allow this practice.
7	HB 5245	-	At least 101,455	At least 101,455	FY 15 reflects partial year costs to the state employee and retiree health plan and the state under the ACA. Annualized fiscal impact to the state plan and the state pursuant to the ACA is at least \$202,911. Annualized fiscal impact to fully insured municipalities is at least \$89,315. This is a new mandate under the ACA. The state plan does not currently provide coverage for cryopreservation.

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8	sHB 5290	-	-	Revenue impact	The bill makes various changes to the Department of Motor Vehicle statutes and does not result in a cost to the state or municipalities. See preliminary fiscal note document for state revenue impact.
9	sHB 5296	-	169,458 for 2 additional positions and indeterminate cost for hospital expenses for Veterans	169,458 for 2 additional positions and indeterminate cost for hospital expenses for Veterans	The bill eliminates a statutory requirement that hospitals must first use alternative funding sources for hospital care for veterans before billing the state which may result in a potential cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, there are approximately 275,000 veterans in Connecticut. The bill also requires: (1) The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to provide information on available funding sources for every veteran admitted to a hospital in Connecticut and (2) hospitals to question every patient who is admitted if they are a veteran. DVA currently does not have staff that provides this service to hospitals and it is anticipated that DVA will need two additional positions to handle the provisions of the bill. This results in an estimated cost of \$169,458 (\$124,000 for two salaries and \$45,458 for fringe benefits) in FY 15 based on the cost of an existing fiscal administrator position.
10	HB 5314	-	-	-	The bill reserves approximately \$15.0 million in unappropriated FY 14 General Fund surplus to pay the 2014 interest costs for Unemployment Compensation Fund borrowing from the federal government.

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11	sHB 5345	-	721,803	721,803	The bill is anticipated to result in a cost of \$721,803 to the Insurance Fund (IF) in FY 15 for four attorneys, one paralegal and one health care analyst in the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA) to certify and oversee authorized cooperative health care arrangements. This cost includes \$455,000 in Personal Services, \$25,000 in Other Expenses, \$75,000 in consultant fees and \$166,803 to provide fringe benefits. These employees will be necessary to review these arrangements and issue written decisions approving or denying applications for certificates of public advantage, which authorize health care providers to engage in conduct that could lessen health care competition. Hearings may be necessary to obtain background information. In addition, the OHA must actively supervise authorized cooperative health care arrangements and review annual reports submitted by parties to authorized cooperative health care arrangements. It is anticipated that in excess of ten cooperative arrangements may occur.

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12	HB 5361	-	334,790	304,790	It is anticipated that by requiring OHE to develop, implement and manage a system to oversee reciprocity agreements concerning the licensure of distance learning programs, OHE would require three additional full-time staff, and one part-time staff for a total of \$230,346, plus corresponding fringe benefits of \$84,444. The three full-time staff would include: (1) a Senior Associate with an annual salary of \$70,824, (2) two Senior Consultants with an annual salary of \$61,811 and (3) a part-time IT Support Senior Consultant with an annual salary of \$35,900. Additionally, OHE would require \$50,000 in operating expenses, of which, \$20,000 would be an annual expense, associated with computers, telephones, and other various training and staffing needs. The bill also results in a savings of \$30,000 to the Board of Regents for no longer being required to pay fees for the licensure of their programs in other states.
13	sHB 5370	0 (revenue)	0 (revenue)	See Comments	The bill requires DEEP to deposit 50% of all state park revenue into the GF's "Maintenance, Repair, and Improvement" account and allows these funds to be used for operation expenses at all state parks. This results in a revenue diversion of approximately \$3.0 million annually from the resources of the GF and a revenue gain, in the same amount, to the MRI account. The bill also requires DEEP to deposit an unspecified portion of revenue from the rental of state park cabins to be deposited into the MRI account for the park where the cabin is located.
14	sHB 5378	-	See Comments	See Comments	Sections 1 and 3-5 may result in a savings to DSS if the ASO is able to achieve savings in addition to what is assumed in the ASO contract with the state through intensive case management services. Section 2 does not result in a fiscal impact.

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15	sHB 5413	-	-	See Comments	The bill appropriates \$9.6 million in FY 14 to the PEGPETIA and CEFIA accounts, and eliminates sweeps from these accounts in FY 15. The FY 15 impact is a \$27.0 million General Fund revenue loss.
16	sHB 5451	-	821,010	821,010	The bill requires insurers and third party administrators to submit claims information to the State Comptroller and for the Comptroller to prepare an annual report assessing the cost or savings to municipal employers for joining the Partnership Plan, currently administered by OSC. In addition, the bill allows OSC to enter into cooperative agreements with various parties for efficiencies in the health care program. This provision is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.
17	sHB 5495	-	1.27 million	1.27 million	The cost results due to part-time faculty at the Board of Regents and certificate development fees.

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18	sHB 5497	900,000	See Comments	See Comments	The bill requires the Department of Labor to geographically expand an existing pilot program using Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST). The bill does not specify whether the regional expansion of I-BEST under the existing pilot program is (1) subject to the 100 participant cap (which is currently in statute), (2) subject to available appropriations, (3) considered a pilot program itself, or (4) required to operate for a specific length of time. sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes approximately \$2.5 million available for the I-BEST program through DOL in FY 15, including \$900,000 to expand the program to cover unemployed clients. To the extent that this bill results in additional participants who are not included in the \$2.5 million appropriation mentioned above, there would be an additional cost to DOL, which would be equal to the number of additional participants, multiplied by the average cost per participant of \$5,375.
19	sHB 5500	-	See Comments	See Comments	The bill changes the audit process for DSS and may impact the agency's ability to recoup overpayments. Based on current data, a 25% reduction in audit results will cost \$6.75 million annually. Audit results are either returned to the DSS to offset expenditures or booked to the General Fund as revenue.
20	sHB 5517	-	-	-	The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring DECD to survey manufacturing businesses on their workforce training needs. It is anticipated that the agency would collaborate with manufacturing associations, chambers of commerce, and other relevant organizations to survey a sampling of the manufacturing businesses in the state for this purpose.

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21	sHB 5576	-	10 million	10 million	The bill appropriates \$10 million to the DECD brownfield remediation and development account. The bill would therefore result in the FY 15 budget being over the spending cap by \$9.3 million.