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Substitute House Bill No. 6070

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING USES FOR CERTAIN OPEN SPACE
PROPERTY UNDER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WATER
REGULATIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 474 of
2 the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,
3 any municipality owning land that was formerly used for agricultural
4 purposes and is watershed land located adjacent to water company
5 land may use such municipally-owned land for the construction and
6 operation of a golf course, subject to the following conditions: (1) The
7 golf course shall be owned by the municipality; (2) best management
8 practices shall be used in the design, construction and operation of the
9 golf course, including, but not limited to, integrated pest management,
10 the use of organic pesticides and herbicides and above-ground storage
11 of chemicals and fuels; and (3) the municipality shall file an annual
12 report with such water company describing the best management
13 practices used in the operation of the golf course, including, but not

14 limited to, a commercial use summary as prescribed by the United
15 States Environmental Protection Agency and such other information as
16 may be requested by the water company. Such report shall be made
17 available to the public.

18 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Health

Municipal Impact: Yes

Explanation

State Impact:

Passage of this bill will result in no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health.

Municipal Impact:

It is anticipated that if any municipality owning land meeting criteria set forth in the bill elects to construct a golf course and file the requisite annual data report with the water company owning adjacent land it will do so to the extent that local resources allow.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill allows any municipality owning land (1) previously used for agricultural purposes and (2) that is watershed land next to water company land to use it for a golf course under certain conditions. The golf course must (1) be municipally-owned and (2) be designed, constructed, and operated using best practices, including integrated pest management, use of organic pesticides and herbicides, and above-ground storage of chemicals and fuels. The municipality must file an annual report with the water company describing the best management practices used in the golf course's operation, including a commercial use summary as required by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and other information the company may request. This report must be available to the public.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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