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House Bill No. 6429

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE HOUSING.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 8-37ww of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) The demonstration program shall end on June 30, [2005] 2008.
5 On or before February 1, [2005] 2008, the commissioner shall report to
6 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
7 matters relating to housing as to the number of eligible buildings for
8 which assistance was provided, the costs involved, the effectiveness of
9 the demonstration program and the commissioner's recommendation
10 as to whether the demonstration program should be expanded and
11 made permanent.

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GO bond funds - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GO=General Obligation

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill extends the demonstration program established under PA 02-5 Sec. 18, May Special Session, for repairing and replacing wooden windows. There were no resources (GO bond funds) allocated and the program was never implemented. The Department of Economic and Community Development anticipates that it would establish a pilot program in 2 municipalities at a cost of \$200,000 each. However, there is still no specific funding allocated for this project.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE HOUSING**SUMMARY:**

This bill extends to June 30, 2008, the end date for a Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) window replacement matching grant demonstration program, which terminates on June 30, 2005 under current law. The bill requires DECD to report to the Housing Committee by February 1, 2008, on (1) the number of eligible buildings that received assistance, (2) costs, (3) program effectiveness, and (4) recommendations whether to expand the program and make it permanent. To date, DECD has not had the funding to implement the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Window Replacement Program***

Under PA 02-5 of the May 9 Special Session, the DECD commissioner may establish a three-year matching grant demonstration program to promote environmentally safe housing and energy conservation by repairing and replacing wooden windows in two-to-six-family buildings built before 1950. The commissioner may run the program in one or more municipalities. Of the first three, at least two must have populations of 100,000 or over and one must have a population under 100,000. The maximum grant is \$100 per window. The commissioner may fund the program from an affordable housing assistance program established in 2001 or from any other money he has available.

The law allows the commissioner to contract out program operation to one or more entities and requires him to adopt implementing regulations. The program ends on June 30, 2005. The commissioner had to report to the Housing Committee by February 1, 2005 on his recommendation whether to expand the program and make it

permanent, among other things (CGS § 8-37ww). He did not report because DECD has not to date had the funding available for the program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Housing

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 11 Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 18 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 50 Nay 0