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Labor and Public Employees Committee

PUBLIC HEARING

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Good Afternoon members of the committee. My name is Lori Pelletier and I'm the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. We represent over 200,000 working men and woman across CT.

1. S.B. No. 459 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCRUED LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES SERVING IN THE MILITARY. **SUPPORT**
2. S.B. No. 461 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION TO AN INJURED EMPLOYEE. We **SUPPORT this bill. It is not asking too much for workers to be informed of their rights under the Worker Compensation laws when they get injured.**
3. S.B. No. 463 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES FOR THE SERIOUS ILLNESS OF A CHILD. We **SUPPORT this bill. It is a good sense change in the law to provide a needed benefit.**
4. S.B. No. 464 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYERS OF CHANGES IN THE STANDARD WAGE. We **SUPPORT this bill. It is important that employees be fairly compensated when there is a change in the standard wage.**
5. H.B. No. 5645 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR IN-HOME STATE SUBSIDIZED DAY CARE PROVIDERS. **SUPPORT...we support the right of everyone to collective bargaining**
6. H.B. No. 5646 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING JOB APPLICANT ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK RESULTS. We **SUPPORT this bill. Employees should have a chance to see the results of a criminal history check to ensure its accuracy just like being able to check credit history. This is an important safeguard.**

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7. H.B. No. 5647 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS WITH A DISABILITY. **We SUPPORT this bill. People who cannot work more than part-time due to disabilities should not be penalized by the system.**

8. H.B. No. 5649 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE DONATION OF VACATION OR PERSONAL LEAVE. **We SUPPORT this bill. Donation of time has proven to be an important benefit in many cases where fellow employees needed it.**