



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 414

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Substitute House Bill No. 6243

House of Representatives, April 10, 2007

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. FELTMAN of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF STATE-OWNED AND LEASED SURFACE PARKING LOTS IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public
2 Works, in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, the
3 Capital Region Council of Governments and the city of Hartford, shall
4 prepare a plan to significantly reduce the number of state-owned and
5 leased surface parking lots in the area of the State Capitol in said city.
6 Such plan shall include (1) an inventory and assessment of the future
7 need for such parking lots, and (2) a proposal for parking, retail and
8 residential complexes in such area. Such complexes shall be
9 constructed near transit corridors.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public
11 Works shall issue a request for proposals to implement the plan
12 required under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PD *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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Pub. Works, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The size of the area that the plan is intended to cover is unclear in the bill. Assuming it is limited to the Capital Center District, the cost to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to prepare the portion of the plan dealing with: (1) an inventory of currently available parking and (2) an assessment of future parking needs is estimated to be \$100,000 to hire a consultant in FY 08.

The plan is also required to provide a proposal for parking, retail and residential complexes in the area. DPW does not have expertise in economic development and the bill contains no reference to either the Capital City Economic Development Authority (CCEDA) or the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Requiring DPW to prepare this portion of the plan would increase the cost by an additional \$50,000 to \$100,000.

There is no impact to the Office of Policy and Management or the City of Hartford to consult with DPW on this plan.

The Out Years

The bill has no out year fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6243*****AN ACT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF STATE-OWNED AND LEASED SURFACE PARKING LOTS IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Works (DPW), in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, the Capital Region Council of Governments and the city of Hartford, to prepare a plan to significantly reduce the number of state-owned and leased surface parking lots in the area of the Capitol. The plan must include (1) an inventory and assessment of the future need for such parking lots and (2) a proposal for parking, retail, and residential complexes in such area. Such complexes must be constructed near transit corridors.

The bill also requires DPW to issue a request for proposals to implement the plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/21/2007)