



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**



Raeanne V. Curtis  
*Commissioner*

**Written Testimony of Commissioner Raeanne V. Curtis**

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**House Bill 5319: An Act Concerning Certain Reports of the  
Department of Public Works**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) respectfully submits testimony to express support for House Bill 5319: An Act Concerning Certain Reports of the Department of Public Works. The purpose of this proposal is to change the date DPW shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the status of certain projects and property management contracts.

DPW has a statutory obligation under C.G.S. Sec. 4b-101a, in which the department must submit a report to the General Assembly every January 1<sup>st</sup>. This report shall contain information regarding the status of certain DPW projects and property management contracts. Currently, we have to report activity for the previous calendar year. Under these requirements, the DPW has difficulty meeting the deadline to capture this timeframe because an enormous amount of data would have to be compiled in less than a day. For that reason, the DPW is always late in submitting this report to the Legislature. In an effort to make this process work more efficiently as we compile this report, we are proposing amended language to the bill that would have the deadline for the report changed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>. This would give our staff one month to put together the report and assure timely filing with the Legislature.

Furthermore, this bill is technical and there is no fiscal impact associated with this bill. For the reasons stated above, I urge the committee to support House Bill 5319.

If you have any further questions, please contact our legislative liaison, Vanessa Ramirez at 860-713-5718.

Section 1 - Subsection (a) of section 4b-101a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Not later than [January 1, 2006] February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, each awarding authority, other than a municipality, shall prepare a report on the status of (1) any ongoing project for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building which is estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars and is paid for, in whole or in part, with state funds, or (2) any property management contract awarded by the Department of Public Works which has an annual value of one hundred thousand dollars or more. Except for a school construction project, the awarding authority shall submit the report to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and finance, revenue and bonding. The report shall be submitted in accordance with section 11-4a. The first report submitted after a contract is awarded shall indicate: (A) When, where and how the request for bids was advertised; (B) who bid on the projects; (C) the provisions of law that governed the award of the contract and if there were any deviations from standard procedure in awarding the contract; (D) the names of the individuals who had decision-making authority in awarding the contract, including, but not limited to, the individuals who served on any award panel; (E) if an award panel was used, whether the recommendation of the panel was followed and, if applicable, the reason why such recommendation was not followed; (F) whether the awarding authority has any other contracts with the contractor who was awarded the contract, and if so, the nature and value of the contract; and (G) any provisions of law that authorized or funded the project.