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Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85<sup>th</sup>) in Support of Proposed S.B. 173,  
***AN ACT CONCERNING ACTION PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***

Before the Commerce Committee

February 25, 2010

This bill is similar to legislative changes recommended this session by Program Review & Investigations Committee, which I co-chair with Sen. John Kissel. PRI raised RB 308, an extensive bill based on the report of our research staff that recommended ways the state could improve the state's economic competitiveness. Your measure S.B. 173 requires an annual action plan, as does Sec. 128 of PRI's SB 308. The revised duties of Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) in our bill are as follows:

Line 5345 (g) On or before July 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Economic and  
5346 Community Development, within available appropriations, shall  
5347 prepare a one-year action plan based upon the strategic plan required  
5348 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which shall identify (A) the  
5349 priority for the implementation of any goal or objective identified in  
5350 said strategic plan, and (B) the agency or organization responsible for  
5351 any goal or objective identified as a priority. The commissioner shall  
5352 submit the one-year action plan, in accordance with the provisions of  
5353 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
5354 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,  
5355 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state  
5356 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding.

PRI believes an annual plan will allow for rapid response to improve CT's economic competitiveness and joins with Commerce in recommending this change.