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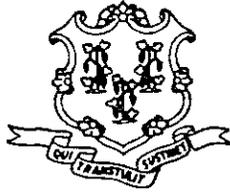
Good morning Chairs Slossberg and Spallone, Ranking Members McLachlan and Hetherington, and Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. I am here to testify in support of Raised Bill 28, *An Act Consolidating State Agencies and Eliminating Certain Legislative Commissions*.

On behalf of the House Republican Caucus, I would like to thank the GAE Committee for taking up the Governor's bill, Raised Bill 28, which proposes to eliminate and consolidate certain state agencies. With each passing legislative session, it seems as though we create commission after commission, and with this, our government has become less a government of the people, and more a government of the bureaucracy. As I am sure you are all aware, with a bigger bureaucracy, comes a bigger, more bloated, and more expensive government - a government that our citizens can no longer afford.

This legislative session, the House Republican Caucus submitted a proposal to the Committee which would similarly move to eliminate and consolidate certain state agencies and commissions. Our proposal would consolidate all of the permanent commissions into one large commission with an Executive Director, and one staff, including Division Directors who will oversee all of the commissions. We also proposed to consolidate a number of state agencies and their core functions in an effort to streamline government services. I have attached that proposal again for your review and consideration. Many of the proposals in the Governor's bill and in our bill are not new. They were recommended as parts of the Hull-Harper Commission and other efficiency studies conducted in the past.

I think you will all agree that as public servants to our constituents we should be doing all we can to continue to create an efficient government so that we can provide improved customer service to every citizen.

The Governor's Bill will aim to do similar consolidations, all in the same spirit of helping to eliminate the bloated government where we see it around us. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I urge this committee to quickly pass this bill and move it to the full General Assembly for a vote and passage so our municipalities can have another tool to help them achieve cost savings.



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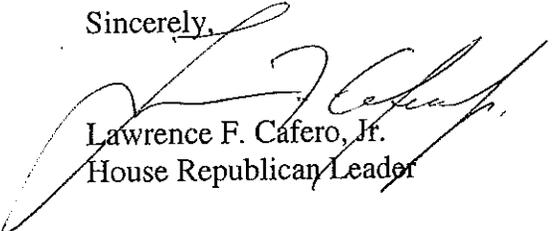
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Dear Committee Leadership,

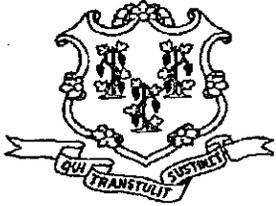
Since individual members may only propose bills of a financial nature this year, the House Republican Caucus would like to request that the Government Administration and Elections Committee consider raising a bill to find efficiency within government in order to provide better customer service to the citizens of the state. To assist your committee deliberations, attached is a copy of our proposed bill form.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr.  
House Republican Leader



**PROPOSED BILL**  
**Request form**  
**(committee)**

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Co-Sponsor(s) Hamzy - 78<sup>th</sup>, Klarides - 114<sup>th</sup>

Completed bill should be sent to\* Deb Hutton

**Summary or description of proposed legislation** (what will the bill do?):

That the general statutes be amended to require consolidation of certain state agencies including:

Permanent Commissions - consolidate all the permanent commissions into one large commission with an Executive Director overseeing the following 6 divisions: 1) Asian Pacific American Affairs, 2) African-American Affairs, 3) Children, 4) Aging, 5) Women, and 6) Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs. Each division would have a Division Director and two support staff. The Division Directors would report to Executive Director.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Consolidate Department of Transportation with the facilities design and construction functions within the Department of Public Works to create a new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Department of Environmental Protection and Agriculture - Consolidate the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Experiment Station to create a new Department of Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Department of Public Health - Consolidate the Department of Public Health, the Psychiatric Security Review Board, and the Office of Healthcare Access to create a new Department of Public Health.

Department of Education - Consolidate the Department of Education, the Board of Education Services for the Blind, Charter Oak College, the Commission for Educational Technology, the Connecticut State Library and the Department of Higher Education to create a new Department of Education.

Office of the State Treasurer - Consolidate the Teachers' Retirement Board into the Office of the State Treasurer.

Department of Administrative Services - Consolidate the Department of Administrative Services, the State Properties Review Board, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Workers' Compensation Commission, the State Contracting Standards Board, and the leasing and property acquisition functions within the Department of Public Works to create a new Department of Administrative Services.

Department of Public Safety - Consolidate the Department of Public Safety with the code review functions within Department of Public Works, the Office of the Medical Examiner, the Office of the Victim Advocate, the Commission on Child Protection, and the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners to create a new Department of Public Safety.

**Statement of Purpose** (What is the reason for the bill?):

To find efficiency within government in order to provide better customer service to the citizens of the state.

**Please attach any correspondence or other material which may help the drafter.**

**Person to contact** for questions about the bill (e.g. sponsor, legislative staff or constituent):

Name: Deb Hutton Phone Number X 8711

Was this proposal **offered in a prior legislative session?** Yes      No        If yes, please

indicate the year and the bill number or sponsor's name, if known:

Other Instructions: (For example, indicate whether this bill is being sponsored "**By Request**" only)

*Note:* **After the Proposed Bill Deadline** EGO will send the completed Proposed Bill to the appropriate clerk's office for filing.