



**Testimony of AARP, on S.B. 251**

**AAC the Long Term Care Advisory Council**

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AARP is a nonprofit, non-partisan membership organization that serves people 50 and older. We have approximately 40 million members nationwide and over 600,000 in Connecticut.

As a member of the Long Term Care Advisory Council, AARP Supports S.B. 251; the proposal makes technical corrections to the statute establishing the Long Term Care Advisory Council, specifically correcting the names of agencies and organizations that are part of the Council. S.B. 251 also makes one substantive change that AARP supports—the addition of a member with mental health expertise. The new member will be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The addition of someone with mental health expertise will broaden the range of expertise on the Council and help us coordinate long-term care needs across a broader constituency. AARP encourages members of the Human Services Committee to support S.B. 251.