

Statement

Insurance Association of Connecticut

Judiciary Committee

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***SB 31, An Act Establishing A Commission
On Judicial Compensation***

The Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC) would like to express its support for SB 31, An Act Establishing A Commission On Judicial Compensation.

All parts of our society are directly affected by the important work done by our state's judiciary. It is clearly in everyone's best interests that the state continue to attract experienced and talented lawyers to the bench.

SB 31 would establish a balanced and considered approach to the determination of fair and proper compensation for judges. The Commission on Judicial Compensation would be required by SB 31 to review numerous relevant factors when making its quadrennial recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The General Assembly would retain the authority to review the recommendations before they become effective.

The system established by SB 31 would provide necessary stability to the issue of judicial compensation. IAC supports SB 31.