



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 342

Senate, May 2, 2012

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNET WEB SITE FOR THE WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEAU REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall, not later than January 1, 2013,
3 develop an Internet web site to highlight that portion of the
4 Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail
5 that is located in the state. Such web site shall include, without
6 limitation: (1) A map of the main trail and flanking trails indicating the
7 location of (A) any intersections with other walking trails, and (B) the
8 Revolutionary War sites, monuments and placards in the vicinity of
9 such trails; (2) for each Revolutionary War site on or in the vicinity of
10 such trails, links to other web sites providing additional information
11 and photographs; (3) links to Connecticut tourism-themed web sites;
12 (4) links to other web sites featuring the Washington-Rochambeau
13 Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail; and (5) an interactive
14 calendar that will allow historical groups to post notice of events and

15 entertainment along such trails. The commissioner may use funds
16 distributed to the Department of Economic and Community
17 Development from the community investment account, established
18 pursuant to section 4-66aa of the general statutes, to develop the
19 Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	SF - Cost	Up to \$180,000	None

Note: SF=Special Fund (Non-appropriated)

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of up to \$180,000, by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to develop an Internet website to highlight Connecticut's portion of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The actual cost will depend upon the complexity of the website, ranging from a minimal cost for a basic website, up to \$180,000 for a complex interactive website.

The bill permits DECD to fund the website with Community Investment Act (CIA) Funds.¹ As of March 30, 2012 there is a \$12.3 million balance available through the CIA to fund historic preservation activities.

Additionally, the website may qualify for a federal grant through the National Park Service which matches up to 50% of the cost of an eligible project. Were the project to qualify for the full amount of the grant, the state would receive up to \$90,000 and the cost to the CIA account would consequently decrease up to \$90,000.

¹ The Community Investment Act (PA 05-228) provides increased funding for open space, farmland preservation, historic preservation and affordable housing. The Act applied a \$40 additional fee for land records of which \$36 is remitted to the state to fund these initiatives (municipalities keep the remaining \$4).

The Out Years

The bill results in a one time cost and as such has no fiscal impact in the out years.

Source: Core-CT Financial Accounting System

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2012)

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 8 (04/11/2012)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/23/2012)