



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

**OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS' STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
SECTION 7 OF RAISED BILL No. 5598
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
AND THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY, SHORT TERM
EMERGENCY LEASES, THE DEFINITION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND
DUPLICATIVE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST.**

The Office of State Ethics ("OSE") supports section 7 of Raised Bill No. 5598 and respectfully requests that the following comments be considered. The proposed language in section 7 amends section 4b-4 of the general statutes by requiring members of the State Properties Review Board and certain employees of the Department of Administrative Services to file Statements of Financial Interests with the OSE, pursuant to the provisions of section 1-83 of the general statutes. This proposal would reduce the number of duplicative financial filings submitted by public officials and state employees, and create efficiencies by directing financial statements to a centralized repository established and managed by the OSE under section 1-83 of the general statutes.

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