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Substitute Senate Bill No. 804
As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule
"A" and House Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 17, 2013

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT
GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS AND THE
INCLUSION OF FARMERS' MARKETS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONAL
MATERIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4a-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall: (1) Purchase,
4 lease or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment and contractual
5 services required by any state agency, except as provided in sections 4-
6 98 and 4a-57; (2) enforce standard specifications established in
7 accordance with section 4a-56; (3) establish and operate a central
8 duplicating and mailing room for state agencies located in or near the
9 city of Hartford and such other places as he deems practical; and (4)
10 establish and operate or have supervisory control over other central
11 supply services in such locations as may best serve the requirements of
12 the state agencies.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, when purchasing
 14 or contracting for the purchase of dairy products, poultry, eggs, beef,
 15 pork, lamb, farm-raised fish, fruits or vegetables pursuant to
 16 subsection (a) of this section, shall give preference to dairy products,
 17 poultry, eggs, beef, pork, lamb, farm-raised fish, fruits or vegetables
 18 grown or produced in this state, when such products, poultry, eggs,
 19 beef, pork, lamb, farm-raised fish, fruits or vegetables are comparable
 20 in cost to other dairy products, poultry, eggs, beef, pork, lamb, farm-
 21 raised fish, fruits or vegetables being considered for purchase by the
 22 commissioner that have not been grown or produced in this state.

23 Sec. 2. Section 22-6r of the general statutes is amended by adding
 24 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

25 (NEW) (f) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall, upon request by
 26 any farmers' market, include such farmers' market on any list of
 27 farmers' markets that appears on the Department of Agriculture's
 28 Internet web site and include such farmers' market in any promotional
 29 materials concerning farmers' markets that are published or
 30 distributed by the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-51
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-6r

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires that the Commissioner of Administrative Services, when purchasing beef, pork, lamb and farm-raised fish, give preference to those grown or produced in Connecticut if they are comparable in costs to those grown or produced out of state. This does not result in a fiscal impact.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to post certain information about farmers' markets on the agency's website. This does not result in a fiscal impact.

Senate "A", which requires the Department of Agriculture to post farmers' markets information on its website, has no fiscal impact.

House "A", which limits the preference of fish to be farm-raised fish, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 804 (as amended by Senate "A" and House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner must generally purchase or contract for all supplies and materials needed by state agencies. This bill requires him to give preference to beef, pork, lamb, and farm-raised fish raised or produced in Connecticut if these compare in cost to those grown or produced outside the state when he is purchasing or contracting for such products. The law already requires him to give preference to Connecticut-grown or produced dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAG) commissioner, upon request of any farmers' market, to include the market (1) on any list of farmers' markets that appears on DoAG's website and (2) in any promotional material about farmers' markets that DoAG publishes or distributes.

*Senate Amendment "A" adds the farmers' market provision.

*House Amendment "A" specifies the fish the DAS commissioner must give preference to in certain state contracts is farm-raised fish.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/04/2013)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)