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Dear Committee members,

This bill seeks to eliminate the posting of notices in newspapers as they now are required.

Instead now agencies must post a web site where the full notice can be found; not a web page, but a web site.

The difference between a web site and web page should be exemplified. We can do this an example of the Raised Bill 40. This is contained on the web site of [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov) and the web page is <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/TOB/S/2014SB-00040-R00-SB.htm> . Which more accurately describes where one can find the document? I would think that if one were to a group of people the web site and bill number many would not be able to find it whereas with the web page almost all would be able to find the bill.

I suggest that the committee spend 3 minutes, each member go to a different town web site, and search for a simple phone and address directory of a town's offices. Sounds easy, right? Nope. Town web sites are not standardized in this state currently, towns "bury" information such that one would need to know exactly where to "click" on the main web page to get to the desired information. Even with state agency web sites of agencies that have meetings, its very difficult and sometimes impossible to find meeting agendas on their web site and this is one reason why CGS Sec. 1-225 requires state agencies to also post these on the Secretary of State's web site on a single page that lists all of the agencies agendas.

So I believe that the legislature understands how a web site can be impossible to navigate with all agencies as you have recognized this before in CGS Sec. 1-225.

Additionally, it would require a person to know how to use a computer and this is not something everyone can do, especially with groups such as the elderly and minorities.

Vote no on this bill; it is, at the very least, premature.

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