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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 469**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING TELEVISION COVERAGE OF STATE GOVERNMENT DELIBERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM NEW LOTTERY GAMES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill creates a new source of state aid for municipalities by tapping the keno operating revenue that remains after subtracting the amounts the state must share with the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes. It requires the state to distribute (1) half of the remaining revenue to all municipalities on a per capita basis, as determined by the most recent 10-year federal census and (2) half to the state's 25 distressed municipalities (see BACKGROUND). The bill does not specify how the latter amount must be allocated.

The bill also increases, from \$2.5 million to \$6 million, the amount the comptroller must set aside from the cable television companies tax each fiscal year to defray the Office of Legislative Management's cost of providing Connecticut Television Network coverage of state government deliberations and public policy events.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage, except for the provision distributing keno revenue to municipalities, which takes effect July 1, 2014.

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Distressed Municipalities***

The economic and community development commissioner annually ranks municipalities based on economic criteria and designates the top 25 as "distressed municipalities." Listed according to their 2013 rankings, these municipalities are Waterbury, Hartford, New Britain, Bridgeport, Naugatuck, New London, Ansonia, Windham, Plainfield, Derby, Torrington, Killingly, Bristol, North Canaan, Sprague, New

Haven, East Hartford, Meriden, Enfield, Winchester, West Haven, Groton, Putnam, Montville, and Plymouth.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 17 (03/25/2014)