

Planning and Development Committee

As an assessor for 45 years, I believe that raising a greater proportion of public revenue from land values instead of building values, income taxes and sales taxes, is the fairest and best method. Connecticut cities need tools to help them regain economic competitive edge.

I recommend that you extend the period of filing a municipal plan for adopting a plan for using a land value tax as proposed in HB 6572.

Connecticut municipalities should be given the time and opportunity to propose a pilot program for land value taxation.

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