

Testimony Submitted By Suzanne Bates, Policy Director for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy to the Transportation Committee on HB 6572.

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The Yankee Institute for Public Policy is a Connecticut think tank that develops and advances policy solutions to promote a smart, limited government; fairness for taxpayers; and an open road to opportunity for all the people of our state.

I am here to support HB 6572, which would extend the land value taxation pilot program for additional years.

Other states, notably Pennsylvania, have had success with using a land value tax in certain urban development districts.

By using land value taxation instead of the traditional property tax, municipalities could incentivize property owners to put their properties to the best economic use, instead of leaving properties as open or vacant lots.