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SB 270: AN ACT MAKING THE BUDGETS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM AVAILABLE ONLINE.

While the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system supports the spirit of transparency in SB 270: AN ACT MAKING THE BUDGETS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM AVAILABLE ONLINE, we feel that the bill is unnecessary as we already post all of our budget documents and financial statements on our website.

Currently, all of our staff reports, budgets, financial statements, and other documents related to the finances of our system, which are brought before the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of its committees for approval, are posted on our website, along with agendas, meeting minutes, and related documents. This includes the annual detailed budgets which are approved by our Finance and Infrastructure Committee and the full Board of Regents. The related budget documents already include the data that is required under Section 1(c) of this bill. In addition, we conduct public meetings where each institution's President presents their challenges and opportunities with their budget and answers questions posed by the Committee members.

We share the Committee's desire for transparency so that the public may see how General Fund appropriations and revenue from tuition and fees are spent by our institutions. That is why we have been posting these documents online for the public to view for years. We believe it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to you today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bradburys@ct.edu or 860-723-0017.