



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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**House Bill # 5263 - An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations
on Disclosure of Water Plan Information**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) supports the intent of House Bill # 5263 and offers the following information regarding the Department's bill:

DPH proposes to amend existing CGS Section 1-210(b)(19) to provide for a more clear, concise and consistent security risk review and disclosure process of water company information. The language will specifically permit the disclosure of specified information that has been ruled in the past as not representing a security risk if released, such as water quality reports and information regarding a water company's margin of safety.

By providing a clear and consistent rule for the disclosure of such releasable information, House Bill # 5263 will enable public agencies to respond more efficiently to FOIA requests.

The Department respectfully requests to work with the Chairs of the Public Health Committee to revise the language in lines 59 to 69 so as to ensure the clarity of the releasable information. The Department would like to provide revised language that will ensure that language will allow the disclosure of water quality reports and information concerning a water company's margin of safety, but does not disclose location information.

The Department would like to thank the committee for raising the Department's bill.

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