



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 338***

LCO No. 1290



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR COMBATTING INVASIVE SPECIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-66aa of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
5 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment  
6 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
7 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed  
8 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to  
9 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability  
10 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc and, then, of the  
11 remaining funds, (2) twenty-five per cent to the Department of  
12 Economic and Community Development to use as follows: (A) Three  
13 hundred eighty thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the  
14 technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut  
15 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-

16 93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities  
17 as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (3) twenty-five per  
18 cent to the Department of Housing to supplement new or existing  
19 affordable housing programs; (4) twenty-five per cent to the  
20 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for municipal  
21 open space grants and grants to lake authorities for the control of  
22 invasive species, provided any such grant to a lake authority for such  
23 purposes shall not exceed one-third of the reasonable costs for such  
24 control measures or project; and (5) twenty-five per cent to the  
25 Department of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred  
26 thousand dollars annually for the agricultural viability grant program  
27 established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand  
28 dollars annually for the farm transition program established pursuant  
29 to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to  
30 encourage the sale of Connecticut-grown food to schools, restaurants,  
31 retailers and other institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-  
32 five thousand dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program  
33 established pursuant to section 22-26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five  
34 hundred dollars annually for the Seafood Advisory Council  
35 established pursuant to section 22-455; (F) forty-seven thousand five  
36 hundred dollars annually for the Connecticut Farm Wine  
37 Development Council established pursuant to section 22-26c; (G)  
38 twenty-five thousand dollars annually to the Connecticut Food Policy  
39 Council established pursuant to section 22-456; and (H) the remainder  
40 for farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each  
41 agency receiving funds under this section may use not more than ten  
42 per cent of such funds for administration of the programs for which  
43 the funds were provided.

44 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
45 fifty per cent of the moneys deposited in the community investment  
46 account from January 1, 2016, until June 30, 2017, shall be credited  
47 every three months to the resources of the General Fund, provided the  
48 funds remaining in the account shall be distributed as provided in

49 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	4-66aa(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide funds through the community investment account for combatting invasive species that affect lakes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*