AN ACT CONCERNING OPPORTUNITY ZONES.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 9888), Senate "B" (LCO 10444)
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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Section 1 has no fiscal impact. It designates the deputy commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as the state’s point of contact for the federal opportunity zone program.

Section 2 has no fiscal impact. It expands the scope of the office of the permit ombudsman to include applications to develop any of the state’s federally designated opportunity zones. It is anticipated that DECD would not require additional staffing to implement this provision.

Section 3 has a one-time cost of up to $50,000 and potential state revenue gain. It requires DECD to identify and market ten geographically diverse, state-owned properties located in federally-designated opportunity zones from a priority list (developed by February 1, 2020) of state-owned properties located in federally-designated opportunity zones. The bill requires DECD to solicit proposals to purchase state-owned property on the priority list. To the extent that this initiative generates additional sales of state properties, there is a potential, one-time state revenue gain at the expense of the
loss of any sold asset.

Section 4 has a one-time cost of up to $5,000. It requires DECD to create and maintain an internet website dedicated to marketing and promoting state-owned properties located in federally-designated opportunity zones.

Section 6 has a one-time cost of up to $10,000. It requires DECD to host an opportunity CT conference to highlight state properties no later than February 1, 2020.

Section 7 has a one-time cost of up to $5,000. It requires DECD to develop marketing materials that highlight the state’s economic development strategy as it relates to federally-designated opportunity zones.

Section 8 has no fiscal impact. It requires DECD to prioritize applications of owners to rehabilitate certified historic structures eligible for certain tax credits, which are located in federally-designated opportunity zones.

Sections 10 and 11 have no fiscal impact. They require DECD to prioritize project applications to the targeted brownfield state program and the remedial action and redevelopment municipal grant program.

Senate “A” struck the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

Senate “B” eliminated: (1) section 5 which removes the costs of up to $50,000 for the Department of Economic and Community Development to host at least five regional events by February 1, 2020 and (2) section 9 which removes the potential significant revenue loss due to exemptions to the Sales and use tax.