

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5521

AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR

Title: PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.

Vote Date: 3/14/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/5/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill redefines the “preexisting condition provision” to encompass preexisting conditions that may not have been recognized or treated by medical professionals prior to the effective date of the plan and the bill requires short-term, or bridge, policies to also cover preexisting conditions. These additions complete the coverage intended by the provision. The bill also removes a redundant section concerning breast cancer survivors.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Ted Doolittle, Office of the Healthcare Advocate](#), supported the bill, focusing on the important of short term policies during times of transitions and the importance of treatments for preexisting conditions to continue

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[The Connecticut State Medical Society](#) supported the bill. They said that these preexisting condition provisions, in conjunction with last year’s Essential Health Benefits legislation, will buffer Connecticut residents from the effects of Federal changes and enable many people to continue to access healthcare plans.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities](#) opposed the bill as an expanded unfunded mandate on cities and towns, even with sympathy for the intent.

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