

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6175

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE STATE'S LONG-TERM CARE

Title: NEEDS.

Vote Date: 2/20/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill proposes that the commissioner of social services conduct a study of the state's long-term care needs in order to determine whether existing programs and strategies are sufficient. The report will be used to identify any gaps in the provision of long-term care and to improve access to this care.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut: Ms. Morelli testified in support of the bill, and also stated that they are happy to assist with the studies for the proposed bill.

Walter Glomb, Director, Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities: Mr. Glomb testified about the similarities between the long term services and support needs of seniors and state residents with disabilities, and suggested that the study consider those two groups together. Mr. Gomb also suggested that the bill be amended to include the Department of Developmental Services in the study.

Shelagh McClure, Vice Chair, Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities: Ms. McClure testified in support of the bill, and suggested that the bill include the needs of people

with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well, because their needs are similar to those of state residents, such as affordable housing, and workforce issues.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed for Proposed Bill No. 6175

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Date: 2/27/2019