

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6754

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

Title: WORN ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

Vote Date: 3/25/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/6/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Planning and Development

CO-SPONSORS:

[Rep. Vincent J. Candelora, 86th Dist.](#)

[Sen. Christine Cohen, 12th Dist.](#)

[Sen. Gennaro Bizzarro, 6th Dist.](#)

REASONS FOR BILL:

Committee Bill No. 6566 requires the Office of Policy and Management to reimburse any municipality that purchased body-worn recording equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, or June 30, 2018, and paid for such purchase not later than August 31, 2018, for costs associated with such purchase. This legislation intends to clarify the language and parameters of this reimbursement initiative.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Vincent Candelora and Sen Christine Cohen, 86th and 12th Dists.: In a co-written letter, the legislators urge their colleagues to vote in favor of the legislation. After citing an issue regarding assumed whole reimbursement funds being written into the North Branford town

budget only for the requested sum to be partially rejected by OPM, the legislators believe that this correction of language is needed.

Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM): Expressing approval of this legislation, CCM writes that municipalities shouldn't be penalized for financial accounting issues or delays when seeking reimbursements for body-worn cameras bought during the relevant time frame.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed

Reported by: Emmet Teran

Date: April 1, 2019