

# Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7141

**Title:** AN ACT REGULATING ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS.

**Vote Date:** 3/21/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/27/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Transportation Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Bill 7141 addresses the definition and regulations for the use of electric foot scooters. Light electric scooters are neither expressly permitted nor forbidden. Bill 7141 gives a clear definition that includes equipment size and speed; where they should be ridden; and where they should be parked when not in use. Because these scooters are so similar to bicycles, only the definition of the electric foot scooters is needed to amend existing statute. E-scooters in CT would weigh less than 65 pounds, has two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that the operator can stand on, is powered by an electric motor and human power, and has a maximum speed of 20 mph or less

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None submitted for bill 7141

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Scott Mullen, Director of Expansion in the Northeast for Neutron Holdings, LLC, dba Lime, San Francisco, CA: The goal of Lime is to, "revolutionize mobility in cities by empowering residents with greener, more efficient, and affordable transportation options." Michigan recently passed a similar e-scooter bill; other states are working on e-scooter legislation including Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed for bill no. 7141

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