

Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7283

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF

Title: TRANSPORTATION.

Vote Date: 3/20/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/6/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Transportation Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To require the Department of Transportation to study issues relating to transportation in the state. A priority for CT is transportation infrastructure.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted for Bill No. 7283

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed for Bill No. 7283

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

David McGuire, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT): Mr. McGuire's concerns are privacy, and violations of the first and fourth amendments. Many electronic automatic license plate reader (ALPR) use cameras that not only record thousands of license plates a minute, it also puts the time, date, and GPS location of the photo. "Without rules to restrict how the government stores, collects, shares, sells, or keeps this information, it could be used to hurt millions of innocent people who travel thought our state," according to Mr. McGuire. This type of system has the ability to record and save a driver's driving habits for months, even years. According to the ACLU-

CT),”allowing the retention of data gathered by ALPR systems makes it possible to retroactive surveillance of innocent people without a warrant, without probable cause and without any form of judicial oversight, and even the federal government could get information. DOT, in developing recommendations to the legislature, should study these privacy concerns, and report back with its plan on how to protect the privacy of motorists traveling in and through CT.

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