

# General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7286

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING HOME INSPECTORS AND APPRAISERS.

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

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/12/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

General Law Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To allow home inspectors who have been certified by an agency approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to inspect certain building foundations within the scope of his or her license for the presence of Pyrrhotite. This bill will also require that the appraisal management company compensate appraisers fairly pursuant to the federal Truth in Lending Act.

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

None Expressed

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

### **Jed Walker, American Home Inspectors:**

Jed Walker, a member of the American Home Inspectors ASHI national and local chapters submitted testimony in support of HB 7286. In his testimony Mr. Walker described the process of home inspections within the standards set forth by the Department of Consumer Protection and what his responsibilities are to his clients. Within the testimony he described the difficult process of testing for Pyrrhotite in foundations and expressed hope that the Department of Consumer Protection can develop a program that will train and certify inspectors to conduct this testing. In the testimony Mr. Walker offered his expertise and assistance in developing such a certification program.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

**Reported by: Jeff Lucas, Committee Clerk**

**Date: 03/28/2019**