

# Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-896

**Title:** AN ACT ESTABLISHING RATIONAL HOSPITAL PRICING.

**Vote Date:** 3/7/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/26/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Human Services Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill would encourage the Department of Social Services to seek a Medicare waiver which would adjust hospital reimbursement.

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

Kathleen Brennan, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services: The Department believes that there needs to be much more dialogue, analysis and details before an all-payer initiative can successfully be developed. They welcome the opportunity to participate in that dialogue.

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

Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore CT State Senate 11<sup>th</sup> District: He believes that an all-payer system would eliminate the cost shift that is caused by low provider reimbursement under certain programs, such as Medicaid.

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

Connecticut Hospital Association: The Association states that moving to an all-payer system would be a dramatic shift from CTs current system and given the complexity of Medicare, there is a probability for issues. They are also concerned regarding the fiscal impact of adjusting all rates and the elimination of the state's dependence on the hospital tax to help balance the General Fund.

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