

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1048

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE DATABASE FOR STATE

Title: EXPENDITURES.

Vote Date: 3/20/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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REASONS FOR BILL:

While state agencies report data on government spending that is available to all citizens on OpenConnecticut, the state's quasi-public agencies are not required to submit expenses. Transparency at all levels of state spending is important for Connecticut residents to understand how their tax dollars are spent.

This bill also will transfer online database to the Comptroller's office and not both Comptrollers and OFA because when information is stagnant on an alternate database the information is not always accurately reflecting updated information on an alternate platform.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller: Comptroller Lembo testified this bill was helpful for two reasons. One, state statute assigns maintaining Connecticut's open government site to the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA). With two sites operating in tandem but using different data, the data begins to conflict with real-time results on OpenConnecticut. Two, this bill would require the state's quasi-public agencies to provide expenses and other data for the purpose of publishing on OpenConnecticut. Many quasi-public agencies have voluntarily worked with the Comptroller Lembo to this end. This bill will ensure all quasi-public agencies adhere to the government's efforts of transparency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Kevin A. Dillon, Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority: Mr. Dillon submitted testimony that his office has worked with the Comptroller's office and employee payroll information is public available. He supports this legislation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

**Reported by: Gaia McDermott
Committee Clerk**

Date: 4/3/19