OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 560

AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF FARMERS’ MARKET VOUCHER BOOKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

SUMMARY
This bill requires the agriculture commissioner to set the minimum value of Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program vouchers at $50 per participant. Under current practice, eligible participants receive vouchers worth $18.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

BACKGROUND
Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program
This program, within available funds, provides vouchers to people aged 60 years or older who (1) live in elderly housing, (2) participate in a registered congregate meal site, or (3) have been identified by a municipality as being at nutritional risk. Participants may redeem the vouchers at designated Connecticut farmers’ markets to purchase locally-grown produce.

COMMITTEE ACTION
Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 13  Nay 0  (02/20/2019)