Bill No.: HB-7154
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Energy and Technology Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
The bill was raised to update our current construction code and align it with a nationally recognized model. This bill will help with both clarifying what construction code should be follow in publicly-funded high performance buildings as well as streamline the building inspection process with one uniform code for the whole state. The bill should also help with streamlining 5G Cellular rollout as the construction code will incorporate aspects that should benefit this process.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Katie Dykes – Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP): DEEP is in support of the bill for the reasons of it enhancing the assembly of publicly-funded, high functioning structures, and how it will guarantee DEEP’s capability to develop Connecticut’s Energy future. DEEP states the purposes of Section 1 and 2 of the bill highlight the key features and benefits the proposal will offer to the state and its residents. They also support aspects of the bill that should help with 5G rollout.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Henry E. Auer: Auer is in support of the proposed bill for and the projected “green” building code mandates. Auer feels the bill will help offer residents protection against emissions and
modernize our building code to help combat issues with climate change while also allowing for older buildings to update to new energy efficient products.

Joshua Geballe – Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS): The DAS is in support of Section 1 of the bill particularly regarding the positive changes permitting DEEP to handle building regulations and update the current protocols. DAS states that they will continue to work collaboratively with DEEP to stimulate high functioning faculties funded by the states.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None offered

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