

# Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-805

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO ASSIST ELDERLY

**Title:** HOMEOWNERS.

**Vote Date:** 2/26/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/19/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

**Aging Committee**

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

The bill is designed to assist financially distressed elderly homeowners by establishing a revolving loan fund in the General Fund. It directs the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, within available appropriations, to provide loans to elderly homeowners who apply, provided that they have failed to pay taxes levied against the homeowner's property for not less than two years, the real property subject to tax is not otherwise encumbered and the amount of the loan does not exceed the amount of taxes levied against the real property. If the state provides a loan the Secretary of OPM shall put a lien of the property for the taxes in the amount of the loan plus interest with the lien having priority over any other liens on the property except a municipal tax lien.

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

**No testimony submitted**

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

**Connecticut Conference of Municipalities:** They offered testimony in support of this proposal because it would provide much needed help to elderly residents who fall behind on the property taxes and that any lien would have priority over all liens except a municipal property tax lien. They believe it would provide help needed for elderly homeowners an option to pay their property taxes.

**Ms. Marie Allen, Executive Director, Connecticut Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)**: They submitted testimony in support of this bill because it provides an alternative for elderly homeowner's so they can meet their housing expenses without forgoing other important expenses like healthcare and nutrition. They also comment that the recoupment process ensures repayment to the State upon the sale of the property.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**No testimony submitted**

**Reported by: Gaia McDermott, Clerk  
Richard Ferrari, Assistant Clerk**

**Date: 3/1/19**