Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1126
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF HAMDEN.
Vote Date: 5/13/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 4/29/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
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REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill will require the conveyance of a parcel of state land and improvements on said parcel in the town of Hamden for economic development.

Joint Favorable Substitute LCO No. 8516- Added an amount of one million seven hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars. Also took out reverter language. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services does not convey said parcel of land and improvements by June 30, 2021, the parcel and improvements shall not be conveyed under this section.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Melissa McCaw, Secretary, State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management: OPM opposes this bill; see also DCF’s testimony. The subject property consists of 50.29 acres and is far too valuable of a state asset to convey for no cost. The town’s assessor values the property at $6,353,300. The state would agree to a purchase price for fair market value, derived from two independent appraisals.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Dale Kroop, Director of Economic and Neighborhood Revitalization: If the Town received this parcel of land it would open up numerous opportunities for economic and environmental development. As the Director of economic development, I would explore the
potential for a subdivision of the property for economic development potential such as light tech or entertainment, some affordable elderly housing, and public uses such as passive recreation, walking trails etc.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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