

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5128

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES REGARDING

Title: BOND-FINANCED STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

Vote Date: 3/10/2020

Vote Action: JF To Floor

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To redefine "administrative expense" for purposes of certain bond financed housing programs and to make minor revisions to the statute concerning the homelessness prevention response fund.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Commissioner of The Department of Housing: The DOH **supports the intent of HB-5128**. However, they have concerns with the language "administrative expense". The fear that the language is not inclusive and limited to old program activities. The current language of the bill does not include programs such as the "Flex" program and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The DOH would like the language revised to be more inclusive towards new programs.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Kiley Gosselin, Executive Director of the Partnership for Strong Communities, Hartford voiced her **support for HB-5128**.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Stated.

Reported by: Dalton Mongeau

Date: 03/09/2020