

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5200

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES.

Vote Date: 3/3/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/27/2020

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill is intended to study the sufficiency of nursing home services in the state. To better understand the needs of nursing home residents, the Commissioner of Social Services will conduct a study to determine whether there are enough nursing homes in the state, and the services offered by nursing homes meet the need for long term care. The report will identify areas where the nursing home industry can improve.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Rob Baril, President, Service Employees International Union District 1199NE

The President has expressed support to this bill. The president mentioned that the report should include a study on the demand for specialized units, 1) how they are dispersed throughout the state and look at how much these units save the state in Medicaid dollars; 2) Staffing levels in state nursing homes and how those ratios impact resident outcomes; 3) and the socioeconomic impact of nursing home closures on residents.

Connecticut Department of Social Services

The Connecticut Department of Social Services has expressed support to this bill. The department commends the bill on directing attention towards strategic planning for Medicaid long-term services and support.

Maq Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut

The President expressed support to this bill. She mentioned that her organization is a resource to the committee for research assistance on developing and supporting the study.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

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Date: 03/10/2020