

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-183

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF 2-1-1 FOR LIFELINE PROGRAM

Title: CELLULAR TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS.

Vote Date: 3/10/2020

Vote Action: JF To Floor

PH Date: 2/27/2020

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To require any provider of lifeline cellular telephone service to not charge any minutes for calls to 2-1-1.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Richard Cho, Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, Hartford:

Cho voiced his support for SB-183, he believes that this bill will provide the homeless population easier access to 2-1-1, and thus, easier access to food and shelter.

Kiley Gosselin, Executive Director of the Partnership for Strong Communities, Hartford:

Gosselin and her organization support SB-183 and state that by making 2-1-1 calls no use service minutes, it will provide homeless individuals with better access to housing services.

Richard Porth, CEO of United Way of Connecticut: Porth states that SB-183 will ensure that

no one would be charged their service minutes by making calls to 2-1-1. They believe that this will remove the financial barrier that may be keeping those who need housing services away and remove the need to choose between minutes of housing.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Stated

Reported by: Dalton Mongeau

Date: 03/09/2020