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Banking Committee**

**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Joseph Giulietti
Department of Transportation**

Proposed S.B. 150 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.

The Department of Transportation (CTDOT) respectfully offers the following comments in opposition to S.B. 150.

The bill as proposed establishes a Connecticut Infrastructure Authority which is duplicative of CTDOT's legislative authority. The risk of duplicating these efforts and the overlapping of certain funding sources that the new authority would receive would jeopardize the Department's grant applications for Federal Transportation Funds from the US DOT. Any funds that the Authority receives from US DOT would reduce the federal funds that CTDOT applies for and relies on for its infrastructure program, which will interfere in CTDOT's current 5-year Capital Plan for state of good repair and new infrastructure projects.

Also, The Special Transportation Fund (STF) faces structural deficits within the next decade. In fact, without the proposed STF revenue included in the Governor's budget, this financial problem is around the corner in FY25. Using funding that should be going into the STF to support this new Authority does not seem to be the best use of transportation funding with the current looming STF deficits. Absent the proposed revenue from the Governor or another solution to solve the structural imbalance, the STF is at risk of having to significantly reduce funding for capital infrastructure projects, which will lead to a reduction in CTDOT's available federal matching funds.

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