

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION STATEMENT ON  
SENATE BILL 150, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT  
INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.**

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The Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Commission does not oppose Senate Bill 150 proposing to establish the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority to support infrastructure improvement projects.

Senate Bill 150, as drafted by the Committee on Banking, proposes to establish and create the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority “as a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut established and created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function. The Connecticut Infrastructure Authority shall not be construed to be a department, institution or agency of the state.” Senate Bill 150 also allows the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority to enter into contracts with private entities to establish public-private partnerships for purposes of infrastructure improvement projects.

The Commission believes that in order to ensure transparency the proposed bill should be amended to add language that clearly states that the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority is a public agency, and that records relating to public-private partnerships and agreements are public records subject to the disclosure provisions in the FOI Act.

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