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House Bill No. 6547

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, C. of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) The Commissioner of
2 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's
3 designee, shall convene and chair a working group to develop a plan for
4 supporting and facilitating efforts by municipalities, historical societies
5 and other nonprofit entities whose purposes include historic
6 preservation to preserve buildings, structures, objects, sites and
7 landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places or
8 designated by a municipality as historically significant.

9 (2) The plan described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall
10 provide for a method of administering any revolving fund that may be
11 established as a resource in supporting efforts by municipalities,
12 historical societies and other nonprofit entities whose purposes include
13 historic preservation to facilitate the acquisition of preservation

14 easements and other means to preserve the buildings, structures,
15 objects, sites and landmarks described in said subdivision, including
16 purchasing, or acquiring options to purchase, such buildings,
17 structures, objects, sites or landmarks with the intent to resell such
18 buildings, structures, objects, sites or landmarks to qualified buyers that
19 will preserve, restore and adaptively reuse such buildings, structures,
20 objects, sites or landmarks.

21 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) Four representatives of local historical societies appointed by the
23 speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be from
24 Litchfield County, one of whom shall be from Hartford County, one of
25 whom shall be from Tolland County and one of whom shall be from
26 Windham County;

27 (2) Four representatives of local historical societies appointed by the
28 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be from Fairfield
29 County, one of whom shall be from New Haven County, one of whom
30 shall be from Middlesex County and one of whom shall be from New
31 London County;

32 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center
33 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

34 (4) One representative of the State Historic Preservation Office
35 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

36 (5) One representative of Preservation Connecticut appointed by the
37 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

38 (6) One representative of the Connecticut League of History
39 Organizations appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

40 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
41 or the commissioner's designee.

42 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not

43 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
46 shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be
47 held not later than September 1, 2021.

48 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
50 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

51 (f) Not later than February 1, 2022, the working group shall submit a
52 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
53 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
54 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
55 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
56 that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a thirteen-member working group to develop a plan to preserve buildings, structures, objects, sites, and landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated by a municipality as historically significant.

Not later than February 1, 2022, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the commerce committee. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

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Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/21/2021)