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HB-6236

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING
CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
UConn	Research - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill extends the existing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption regarding failing concrete foundation records, to include such records maintained, kept, or prepared by a public institution of higher education. The bill results in a potential revenue gain in federal research funding to the University of Connecticut (UConn), associated with its research into failing concrete foundations.

The bill allows UConn (or other public colleges and universities) to access records held by other state agencies regarding concrete foundations and enables UConn to keep confidential the related data it is collecting. UConn currently has a federal grant for approximately \$768,000 regarding concrete foundations research, with a grant term of September 2020 through August 2022. It is possible that the bill's provisions will expand the scope of UConn's research, which could improve prospects for receiving further federal grants (revenue) in this area. The extent of the potential revenue gain is dependent on the

amount of future federal grant revenue available, which is unknown.

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the Freedom of Information Commission.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.