

# Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6239

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND

**Title:** SEGREGATION.

**Vote Date:** 3/11/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/18/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Rep. Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader- 9<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Michael A. Winkler- 56<sup>th</sup> District

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This Bill seeks to address historic inequalities that perpetuated by state housing policy. The bill directs the Department of Housing to aggregate data in order to better understand how state housing programs have contributed to racial and economic segregation.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Tanya Hughes, Executive Director of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities-  
**SUPPORTS** – the concept of the bill.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Rep. Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader- 9<sup>th</sup> District - **SUPPORTS** – stating "government policy has historically contributed to racial and economic segregation." This bill attempts to better understand the ways in which policy has fueled such inequality.

Betsy Gara, Executive Director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns- **SUPPORTS** – stating support for efforts that promote homeownership among low-income individuals.

The following **SUPPORT** the bill, stating that government policy has historically contributed to inequality. They also support additional funds to go towards DOH staffing in order to complete the study:

Sean Ghio, Policy Director at the Partnership for Strong Communities

Christie Stewart, Director of Fairfield County's Center for Housing Opportunity

Jay Williams, President of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

The following **SUPPORT** the bill:

Catherine Giff

Erin Kemple, Executive Director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Robert Jackson- **OPPOSES** – stating that the bill is a waste of money, preferring the state allocate resources to address different problems.

**Reported by: Gabriel Turco**

**Date: 3/17/21**