

# Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6532

AN ACT APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Title:** AND HOUSING.

**Vote Date:** 3/9/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Change of Reference to Appropriations

**PH Date:** 3/4/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

None

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Families in Connecticut are increasingly experiencing struggles with mental health challenges during the pandemic and some are also facing evictions and foreclosures. Young adults and children make up a large percentage of this group. Resources are needed to help these people experiencing mental health challenges and housing issues as a result of the pandemic.

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

None

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

Executive Director of CT Legal Rights Project Kathy Flaherty- **Supports** this bill in written testimony because it would expand DMHAS housing services with additional appropriations which would benefit many of CLRP clients.

President & CEO of Mental Health Connecticut Luis Perez- **Supports** this bill in written testimony because it would provide funding towards expansion of residential services for young adults, housing coordinators and expanding of respite services and short-term stabilization service for people with substance use issues and mental health conditions.

Erin Sheehan on behalf of Connecticut Voices for Children- **Supports** this bill in written testimony saying it will provide housing affordability and stability to families and enable them to get back to work and help the economy.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None

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**Date: 3/26/21**